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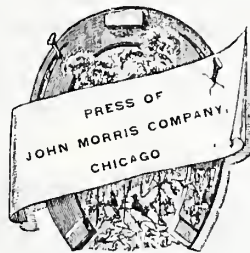
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## PREFACE.

UNTIL quite recently, but little attention has been given to the preservation of biography, except in so far as it pertained to the preferred classes—persons who had been prominent in governmental affairs, or distinguished in their profession or calling, or in some way made conspicuous before the public. Within the past decade, however, there has been a growing interest in the preservation, not only of biography, but of family genealogy, both for its immediate worth and for its value to coming generations.

The expediency of placing in book form biographical history and genealogy of the representative public is beyond question; and when the difficulties experienced in a majority of cases, by the biographical historian, in procuring ancestral history are considered, the intelligent reasoner will be convinced of the necessity of preserving family records in permanent form.

That the representative public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this kind needs no assertion at our hands, for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium then serves more than a single purpose; while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

In presenting this volume to its patrons the publishers acknowledge with gratitude the encouragement and support their enterprise has received, and the willing assistance rendered in the surmounting of the many unforeseen obstacles to be met with in the preparation of a work of this character. In nearly every instance the material composing the sketches has been gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted in type-written form for their correction and revision.

Trusting that the work may prove satisfactory to the citizens, it is submitted to their considerate judgment.

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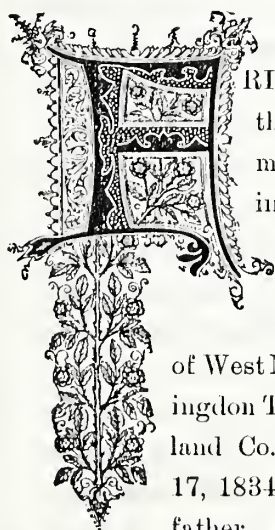


*Jacob Frick*



# WAYNE COUNTY.

## BIOGRAPHICAL.



Frick, JACOB, one of the best known and most enterprising business men of Wooster, Ohio, was born on his father's farm, four miles southeast of West Newton, South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland Co., Penn., September 17, 1834. Daniel Frick, his father, married Catherine Miller, to whom were born six sons and three daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch was next to the youngest. He descends from the sturdy German stock. His forefathers belonged to the early nobility of Switzerland. The ancestors from whom he sprung came to this country in the early part of the seventeenth century.

He was reared on his father's farm,

and assisted at times in blacksmithing, which trade his father plied when not engaged in farm duties. Here he remained until he was eighteen years of age, when he began to strike out for himself, working one year and a half on another farm, and six months in a flouring-mill, receiving for his services \$210 for the two years, and saving out of this small earning the large sum of \$175 after keeping himself in clothes, etc. The economy he practiced during this time proved to be later on a very good lesson. He received just what education could be had from attending a district school in a log school-house five or six months in a year. He had a fondness for figures, and soon became remarkable for his arithmetical computations. This one talent has been of great benefit to him in business.

In 1855 he came with his father to





Hancock County, Ohio. He was married in November, 1856, to Mrs. Elizabeth Frick, widow of a cousin, and daughter of Jacob Shelly, of Wayne County, Ohio. There were born to them five daughters and two sons. In 1859 he moved to Wayne County, and has since been identified with its interests and progress. He engaged in the grain, seed and wool business in 1862, which business he pushed with his characteristic energy up to 1882, about twenty years, doing a business of from \$200,000 to \$400,000 a year. These operations were a success financially, chiefly because he was able at all times to sell large quantities of produce to Eastern parties at full market value, by always being prompt in shipping and delivering everything just as contracted, at the same time benefiting the farmer from whom he made his purchases. The margin in trade was small, but it was the volume of the business which made it profitable. The banking business, in which he engaged in 1880, was now taking so much of his time that he deemed it necessary to be relieved in a measure, and therefore took W. D. Tyler as partner in the grain business, which has since been run in the name of Jacob Frick & Co. From 1874 to 1887 he was an equal partner with J. S. R. Overholt in the City Mills. Soon after the death of E. Quinby, Jr., in the spring of 1880, he with several

others purchased the Wayne County National Bank, of Wooster, of which institution he was made president, which position he still fills. Under his management the bank has increased its capital stock \$55,000, and it still possesses the entire confidence and trust of the community.

Among other interests, he owns in Wooster 120 feet fronting on the north side of West Liberty Street, adjoining the court-house. Part of this ground is covered by an elegant stone and brick structure, fronting sixty feet, which he erected in 1886. The rest of the square contains a fine brick and iron building. These together form the finest business blocks in the city of Wooster. He also owns a large warehouse on South Street, a business room on East Liberty Street, his residence on North Market Street, a number of other improved lots in the city, and twenty-five acres of valuable land within the corporate limits, besides several farms in Wayne County and lands in Western States. With his numerous branches of business he still finds time to devote to buying, selling and improving real estate. He was the owner of the Buckeye Mills, of Canton, Ohio, for three years, is the owner of a grain elevator in Ashland, Ohio, and is one of two equal partners in its operations.

Nature has endowed him with a large





share of caution, which has proved of great value to him in his various transactions. It has ever been his aim to deal fairly with his fellow-men. He has thus been able to enjoy a very large share of patronage in his several departments of business. In his religious views he is very liberal, but feeling that a better work can be done for the Master by being identified with a religious denomination, he united with the English Lutheran Church of Wooster in 1869. He has contributed largely to its prosperity by giving much of his time and means. When the church edifice and a fine chapel were building, he it was who bore a great part of the burden, financially. He is ever ready to respond liberally when solicited to help in every good cause. Many churches as well as institutions of learning have reason to be thankful for his liberality.

In November of 1885 he was called to mourn the loss of his dearest friend in the death of his wife, who was his constant companion and helper during all these busy years. He married, again, in May of 1887, Miss Sara E. Rutter, of Massillon, a teacher in the public schools of that city. They were united in marriage at Massillon, by Dr. Bailey, a Presbyterian divine, assisted by Rev. G. M. Heindel, of the English Lutheran Church of Wooster. This second union has been

blessed with one daughter. In his domestic relations he is supremely happy, and his home is all that love and wealth and culture and refinement can possibly make it.

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**J**OHN WHITMAN is a son of Christian and Mary (Manning) Whitman, and was born May 5, 1843, in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. George Whitman, the grandfather of John Whitman, and a native of Pennsylvania, came to Wayne County in 1827, and settled in Chippewa Township, and here he passed the rest of his life.

Christian Whitman, the father, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Wayne County with his parents; then, after his marriage with Mary Manning, located on a farm adjoining his father, and remained there until 1886, when he retired from the pursuits of the farm, and now lives at Doylestown, Chippewa Township. He reared nine children (eight of whom are now living), viz.: George, in Doylestown, Ohio; John, our subject; Catherine, wife of Henry Gardner, in Chippewa Township; Mary C., deceased; William, in Chippewa Township; Franklin, in Doylestown, Ohio; Levi, in Chippewa Township; Elizabeth, wife of John Deible,



in Chippewa Township, and Benjamin, on the homestead. The subject of this sketch attended the township schools, has followed the occupation of a farmer, and has always lived in Wayne County, with the exception of two years spent in Missouri. In 1882 he purchased his present farm of 160 acres in Milton Township. In 1863 Mr. Whitman married Miss Catherine, daughter of Joseph Eberhart, of Milton Township, Wayne County, and by this union there are seven children, as follows: Joseph, Mary C., Sarah, Angeline, Clara, Charles and Alfred. Mr. Whitman has always been an active Democrat, and has served as school director, supervisor, etc. In 1883 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he now fills. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church of Doylestown.

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**E**LI ZARING, the present efficient and well-known clerk of common pleas of Wayne County, and one who by his own unaided efforts and unabating pluck has gradually but surely risen in the ranks of men, was born in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, January 16, 1836. In 1832 his parents, Peter and Matilda Zaring, came to Wayne County

(being then unmarried), and have here since made their home and reared their family. Eli, whose name heads this sketch, first saw the light of day upon a farm. His early life was not the idle, careless one enjoyed by most of the youths of this day, but, being the son of a poor shoemaker, who had a large family to support, he was early put to the treadmill of toil to earn his own sustenance, and soon had mastered the intricacies of his father's trade, at which he labored for years. He made, however, a diligent use of his educational opportunities, and at eighteen he was enabled to teach school, in which employment he spent four winters, thus accumulating sufficient money to enable him to attend for a time the academy at Hayesville, Ohio. August 20, 1857, Mr. Zaring was united in marriage with Miss Mary Stevic, a native of Pennsylvania, but who was brought when a child to Wayne County. To this union six children have been born, as follows: Ida F. (deceased); James (principal of the Smithville public schools); Charles, Cora, Dora (a recent graduate of Wooster High School) and Daniel, at home.

Mr. Zaring has represented the Democratic party in various offices, having been for two terms township clerk in a Republican township; was at one time assessor, and assisted in appraising the land in Chester Township, Wayne County. In





the fall of 1886 he was elected clerk of the courts of Wayne County, which position he is now satisfactorily filling. Previous to his coming into the county clerkship, Mr. Zaring for two and a half years acted as clerk and book-keeper in the office of the *Wayne County Democrat*. His life has been an earnest one, and an unremitting fight against bitter and adverse circumstances, but his progress has been gradually upward, and he is to-day a man of whom all speak highly.

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PETER FRANKS, son of Jacob Franks, was born in Fayette County, Penn., May 21, 1797. His great-grandfather, Michael Franks, emigrated from Eilsen, Germany, with his wife and four children, Jacob, Michael, Catherine and Henry (the last of whom died on the voyage), and settled in Fayette County, Penn., after a brief residence in Baltimore, Md. They are all now deceased. Michael Franks, with other trustees, took up a tract of 145 acres of land, which they presented to the church of which he was a member, and it is still owned and used for church purposes. The trustees were Everly, Ballinger, Mason, and Michael Franks, to whom it is proposed to erect a monument, and

toward which Peter Franks has voluntarily offered to make a very liberal gift. Jacob, son of Michael and grandfather of Peter, married Barbara Brandenburg, and lived and died in Pennsylvania. Their children were George, Jacob, Elizabeth, Catherine, Michael, Conrad and Sarah, all now deceased. Jacob, father of the subject of this memoir, was born in Pennsylvania, and married Sarah Livingood, of Fayette County, Penn., where they lived and died. Their children were Elizabeth, Christina, Jonathan, Sarah, Peter, Reason, Catherine, Solomon and Nancy, all now deceased except Peter. Several of the family lived to extreme old age, one dying when ninety-six years old, another when past ninety-two, and Peter is now ninety-two. Peter married Julia Ann Fletcher, of Fayette County, Penn., in 1819, and located on the farm he now owns, in Salt Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1820, in which year he took up the land from the Government and paid the first tax. (He came there, however, in 1816.) Their children were William (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Naomi, Jacob, Manoah, Thomas F., Samantha, Solomon and Lemuel (deceased).

Mr. Franks came here when the country was in a wilderness, took up 170½ acres of land, and assisted at the raising of a barn in 1816, he being the only one now living who was present at that time. He



has been trustee of his township, assessor for a period of eight years, and has the respect and confidence of the community where he resides. Mrs. Franks died May 7, 1871. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Franks is a Democrat.

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**G**USTAVUS C. FRITZ, son of William and Louisa (Grave) Fritz, natives of Prussia, was born March 8, 1855, at Millersburg, Holmes Co., Ohio. His parents immigrated to America in 1854, arriving December 22, and first located in Millersburg, Ohio. William Fritz was a surgeon by profession, which he followed throughout life. After spending about one year at Millersburg, the family removed to Zanesville, Ohio, and afterward to Dresden, where they remained until 1861, in which year they came to Wayne County, locating at Moorland, where the father died in 1865. The mother is now living with her son, Gustavus C. Their family consisted of five children, as follows: Lonisa, wife of Thomas Finlay, of Stark County, Ohio; Gustavus C., William and Lewis, at home, and Adolph, in Moorland, Ohio, who married Martha, daughter of Michael and Julia Franks, of Franklin Township,

Wayne Co., Ohio, and has two children, Amanda and Charles. The subject of this memoir received his education at the township schools and the Smithville Academy, and early engaged in teaching, a profession he has since followed, having taught at Nonpareil, Moorland and several of the township schools.

Mr. Fritz, like his father, is a strong supporter of the Democratic party. In 1880 he was elected clerk of Franklin Township, Wayne County, and has since held that office. He is a member of Garfield Lodge, No. 528, F. & A. M., of Shreve, Ohio. At the present writing (1889) Mr. Fritz is unmarried, and remains at the old home with his mother and brother.

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**J**AMES F. CRISWELL, son of James and Elizabeth Criswell, was born on the farm he now owns, in Salt Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, January 3, 1825. His paternal grandfather was a resident of Mifflin County, Penn., where he married and died, leaving a family of four children: John, Robert, Sarah and James. His grandfather, Robert Forgey, came from Ireland, settled in Mifflin County, Penn., married and reared a family consisting of James, Robert, John, Mary, William, David, Jane and Elizabeth, all now





deceased but Robert and Mary, the former being a resident of Mifflin County, Penn., and the latter of Monmouth, Ill.

James, father of James F., was born in Pennsylvania, where he married; removed to Ohio in 1824, settled on the place now owned by his son, James F., where he engaged in farming, and where both he and his wife passed away. He was officially identified with his township as trustee; was treasurer for many years, and was recognized as one of its progressive citizens. His children were Isabel, Jane, Elizabeth, William, James F., Maria, Robert, Margaret, Martha and Ann. Of these, Jane was the late Mrs. Austin Brothers, of Wayne County, Ohio; Elizabeth was the late Mrs. Elijah Tracy, of Illinois; Isabel was the late Mrs. Isaac Johnson, of Wayne County, Ohio; William is married, and a resident of Holmes County, Ohio; Maria was the late Mrs. William Harrison, of Franklin Township, Wayne County; Robert is married, and is a resident of Lake County, Ohio; Margaret married Steven Haly, and removed to Fulton County, Ohio, where she died; Martha married Alfred Calhoun, and is now a resident of Holmes County, Ohio; Ann married Spence Fouty, and is now a resident of Fulton County, Ohio; James F. was married August 29, 1850, to Elizabeth Scott, who was born May 1, 1832, a daughter of James Scott, of Franklin

Township, Wayne County, and settled on the farm he now owns in Salt Creek Township. To them were born six children: Emma, Martin, Ellsworth, Flora, Lennie and Edwin. Of these, Emma married David Snyder, and is a resident of Holmes County; Martin married Nettie Fluhart, and is a resident of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County; the others are still with their parents.

James F. Criswell is one of the extensive land-owners of Wayne County, having 411 acres in a body, including the old homestead, and also 106 acres in Holmes County. He has been officially identified with the township in various ways, and is a member of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

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**I**SAAC A. MUNSON, son of Henry and Mary (Cutter) Munson, was born September 19, 1823, in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. Isaac Munson, the grandfather of Isaac A., was born in Connecticut, and located in New York State. In 1815 he and his son, Henry, moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and first located in the southern part thereof, or what is now Holmes County. After remaining there a short time he



purchased the farm which is now owned by his grandson, Henry, where he lived until his death, in 1830. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and an active Democrat in politics. His son, Henry, the father of Isaac A., was born in Connecticut in 1797, and came to Wayne County, Ohio, with his father, in 1815. He was reared a farmer, and always remained on the homestead, except about five years' residence in Shreve. He took quite an active part in the affairs of his township. He died in 1868; his widow in 1871. Henry and Mary Munson reared seven children, three of whom are still living, viz.: Samuel, in Medina County, Ohio, and Isaac A. and Henry, on the old homestead, in Franklin Township.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of his township, and has always been engaged in farming. He was married, in 1848, to Miss Eliza Ann Lowe, daughter of Jacob Lowe, a native of New Jersey, and a settler in Holmes County, Ohio. She died in 1853, leaving two children, one of whom is now deceased. The other, Mary E., is the wife of Samuel Gissenger, of Holmes County, and by him has three children: Iva, Harry and Emma. Our subject married for his second wife, in 1856, Miss Susanna Thomas, daughter of Lewis Thomas, of Wooster, Ohio, and by this union there is one child, Charles, who lives at home.

Mr. Munson moved to his present farm, in Franklin Township, in 1848, and has made it one of the best improved in the township. Politically, he is a Democrat.

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JOHN E. STONE was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, December 1, 1835, and is a son of William and Ann (Elliott) Stone, natives of that county. They both died when John E. was quite young, and consequently the latter obtained but a limited education, being thrown upon his own resources to gain a livelihood. He worked at the carpenter's trade for several years, and then turned his attention to farming, which occupation he has since followed, having purchased his present farm in Milton Township, Wayne County, in 1868. In 1860 Mr. Stone married Miss Mary, daughter of Isaac Sellers, of Jefferson County, Ohio, and she died December 4, 1871, leaving four children: Alfred P., in Minneapolis, Minn.; Everett, a farmer of Milton Township, Wayne County, married to Flora, daughter of Jacob Amstutz; Edgar E., a law student at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Jessie V., at home. January 1, 1874, Mr. Stone married Sarah J., daughter of Joseph Robb, of Lafayette Township, Medina Co., Ohio. By this union there





are no children. In 1864 Mr. Stone enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served 100 days. He was also a member of the Home Guards for several years.

He has served the township well as school director for many years, and has been president of the board, and has also been township trustee. In 1887 he was elected to his present position of justice of the peace. He is an elder in the Creston Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, with Prohibition proclivities.

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**H** P. GRAVATT, of the firm of H. P. Gravatt & Co., editors and publishers of the *Wayne County Democrat*, was born in Lexington, Highland Co., Ohio, in the year 1842. His father, Peter R. Gravatt, a teacher by profession, was a native of New Jersey, and died at Dayton, Ohio, in 1849. In July, 1853, H. P. Gravatt became an apprentice in a printing office at Dayton, Ohio, and he has ever since followed in the footsteps of Guttenberg. His education has been the practical one that contact with the business men of the world and close application to his chosen work

have given him. In 1870 Mr. Gravatt was united in marriage with Miss Nellie C. Moore, born in Zanesville, Ohio, and a daughter of Cornelius Moore, who for many years was publisher of the *Masonic Review* of Cincinnati. To this union eight children have been born, four of whom have passed to the silent majority.

From 1872 to 1881 Mr. Gravatt filled the position of editorial manager of the *Odd Fellows' Companion*, published at Columbus, Ohio, it being then an eighty-page monthly. In 1880, at the May session of the Grand Lodge, he was installed grand master of Odd Fellows, and presided at the session at Youngstown in 1881. In 1875 he was appointed historiographer, and wrote the history of the first ten years of Odd Fellowship in Ohio, which was published in the proceedings of 1878. In 1873 he wrote the first Knights of Pythias manual ever published, and from 1872 to 1881, while in this work, he resided at Columbus. In 1869 he became a member of the I. O. O. F., and for four years was their representative at the Grand Lodge, and also historiographer and grand master; also is a member of Blue Lodge Masons and of the Knights of Pythias. In July, 1881, Mr. Gravatt purchased of Mr. E. B. Eshelman his half interest in the *Wayne County Democrat*, Mr. Eshelman withdrawing, but in 1886 returning to the partnership by pur-





chasing the fourth interest belonging to the late Dr. L. Firestone.

**A**BRAM LANCE is a son of John and Sarah (Johnson) Lance, natives of Jefferson County, Ohio, who came to Wayne County in 1820, and purchased a farm in Milton Township, where they resided until their deaths. The grandfather of Abraham, Christopher Lance, was a native of Germany, who came to this country prior to the Revolutionary War, and participated in that memorable struggle. John Lance was a prominent man in his day, and was a supporter of the old Democratic principles. He was an honored member of the Presbyterian Church. He died in 1852, and his widow survived him about twenty years. They had a family of eleven children, Abraham, the subject of this sketch, and John, of Medina County, Ohio, being the only ones now living.

Abraham Lance, whose name heads this notice, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, August 25, 1813. His education was obtained in the old-fashioned log school-houses, which he was privileged to attend only when his services were not required on the farm. He has spent his life at farming, and in 1838 bought the farm in Milton Township where he now

lives, which contains 166 acres of well-improved land. That same year he married Miss Sarah Lance, daughter of James Lance. She died in 1886. To them were born seven children, four of whom are living: Peter, of Medina County, married Adeline Hollowell, and has five children—Azilpha Ann, Mary L., Cora L., Andrew J. and Charles P.; James A., of Milton Township, married Lydia E. Hollowell, and has ten children—Mary E., Martha A., James H., Henry H., Rosa A., Franklin P., Ethel R., Elvie C., Lydia L. and Weston; Sarah, wife of Edward Shook, of Medina County, has seven children—Henry A., Franklin W., Arthur L., William E., Rosa C., Pearl and Rebecca; and Elizabeth J., wife of Edgar Steele, of Milton Township, has five children—Wilson, Arthur, Mary, William and Floyd. Mr. Lance married again in 1888, his present wife being formerly Mrs. Elizabeth J. Moore. He is a Democrat in his political views, and in religion is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church.

**J**AMES M. PALMER, M. D., was born in Akron, Ohio, June 5, 1839 son of Samuel and Elisabeth (English) Palmer. The subject of this memoir was reared in Akron, Ohio, in



which place he received his early education in the public schools until 1853, when he moved with his parents to Kent, Ohio, where he attended the Franklin Seminary, pursuing the study of Latin and the higher mathematics. In 1857 he graduated from Folsom's Commercial College of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1859 he came to Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio, and took charge of the union schools, a position he held for four years, until he resigned in the latter part of 1863, when he moved to the city of Cleveland, Ohio, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits for a year. In 1864 he was appointed superintendent of the Orville, Ohio, public schools, in which capacity he served four years. During this time he read medicine with the late Dr. A. C. Miller, and attended his first course of lectures in the medical department of Wooster University, at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1866-67. He then entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York, from which he graduated in 1869, and immediately located at Dalton, Ohio, where he has since successfully practiced his profession. Dr. Palmer has served for three consecutive terms (nine years) on the Dalton Board of Education.

In 1861 he was united in marriage with Mary Elisabeth, daughter of John and Priscilla Wertz, of Dalton, Wayne County, and to this union have been born five

children, all of whom are dead except Blanche, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, for two years in attendance at the high school of Steubenville and Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduating from the Dalton High School in the class of 1889. The Doctor and his family are members of the Dalton United Presbyterian Church. He has been a member of the Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, F. & A. M., of Wooster, for more than twenty-five years, and has always been an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

**W**ILLIAM SCOTT, a son of James and Susan Scott, was born in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1837. His grandfather, Matthew Scott, a native of Ireland, came to America with his parents when he was a child of twelve years. The family located in Lancaster County, Penn., where they remained some time, and where Matthew married. He then removed to Columbiana County, Ohio, where his wife died, leaving him with a young family of five children: William, Robert, James, Elizabeth and Mary, Robert, who is now eighty-six years old, being the only survivor. He afterward came to Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, where he mar-





ried Lusinda Bevington, and by her had nine children, viz.: Reason, Nancy, Matthew (deceased), Thomas, Henry, John (deceased), Seth, Catherine and Wesley (deceased). James Scott was born in Pennsylvania in 1807, came with his parents to Ohio, where he was educated, and married Susan Bechtle. He then located on the old homestead, but removed to Franklin Township, where he remained until 1868, in which year he came to Wooster, where he died; his widow has her home now with her son Robert, in Franklin Township. Their children were Robert, Elizabeth, Charlotte, William, David (deceased), James Martin. Of these, Robert is in Franklin Township, Wayne County; Elizabeth is Mrs. James F. Criswell, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County; Charlotte is now the widow of William McCormick, of Fredricksburgh, Wayne County; James Martin is in Franklin Township, Wayne County.

William, subject of this biography, was born January 12, 1837, in Franklin Township, on the place now owned by J. M. Scott, and in 1862 married Charity Cutter. They then settled on the old Matthew Scott farm, which William Scott now owns, and here their two children were born, viz.: James C., who is married and lives on the homestead, and Laura Etta, now the wife of Adolph Gabriel, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County. Mrs. Scott

died March 29, 1869, and in 1872 Mr. Scott married Mary L. Burbridge, and they remained on the old farm until 1888, when he purchased the farm formerly owned by P. Appleman, and which our subject still occupies. Mr. Scott has by his second wife four children: Burton R., Elmer A., Victor H. and Hershel L., all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

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**P**ROF. PHILIP C. PALMER, principal of the Northern Ohio Normal School, at Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born at Bolivar, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, November 21, 1851. His father, Jacob Palmer, was a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., born in May, 1828. His mother was Barbara Ann Schue, also a native of Pennsylvania, born in December, 1828. Both were of German ancestry. The father was brought to this State when three years old; was brought up on the farm near Bolivar, Tuscarawas County, lived in that vicinity all of his lifetime, and was always a farmer. He was of a retiring disposition, was a good citizen, and rarely held any public position. He was married in 1849 to Barbara Ann Schue, who had also





accompanied her parents in their immigration to Ohio. He died in Tuscarawas County March 4, 1885. His widow lives at Bolivar, that county, with her two daughters, Sarah M. and Lucy A. The only other member of the family is Philip C.

Philip C. Palmer attended the district school until he was seventeen years of age, when he engaged in teaching. The following spring he attended Mount Union College, in Stark County, Ohio, teaching the ensuing winter. This routine he followed for several years, attending various academies, finishing his education at Mansfield, Ohio, where he graduated in 1881. Shortly after leaving college he organized the Eastern Ohio Normal School, at Sparta, Stark County, Ohio, which he successfully conducted for three years. Not having such facilities as he desired at Sparta, he removed his school to the fine school building erected some years before by the citizens of Smithville, who subscribed to its stock in order to have a first-class institution in their place. Prof. Palmer had the school incorporated in November, 1885, the following being its board of incorporators: President, P. C. Palmer; vice-president, T. A. Krysher; secretary, E. P. Willaman; treasurer, H. S. Thomas; trustees, P. S. Greenamyer, M. D., J. W. Buchanan, M. D., John E. Zimmerman, Rev. S. P. Keiffer, H. E. Baker and E. D. Hart-

man, all residents of Smithville, except Mr. Hartman, who lives in Wooster. Since establishing himself here Prof. Palmer has been successful. He conducts an excellent institution, with a complete corps of teachers, and aims to give his pupils an education that will fit them for the practical duties of life. The school is not connected with any church, society or party, and makes no attempt to further any special interests, relying for success wholly upon the work done by its teachers, who devote their entire time to its interests. Its success is thus assured, as good work must necessarily be the result. This school, prior to passing under the control of Prof. Palmer, had a somewhat checkered career. Its starting point was in a school established by James B. Taylor, now an attorney in Wooster, in October, 1861. He opened the school in the Presbyterian church, familiarly known as the old synagogue. This he carried on until August, 1862, when the fires of patriotism burned out cold calculation, and most of the male pupils, and their principal as well, enlisted in the Union army, abandoning the school, and Mr. Taylor became captain of Company H, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which most of his boys enlisted. The school was shortly after reopened by Prof. J. B. Eberly, who had been a pupil of Mr. Taylor, and who carried it on in the



same place for some time. Meantime the citizens of Smithville, desiring to have a normal school in the town, subscribed liberally to the stock of a company to build a fine edifice, where a high class school was to be conducted by Prof. Eberly. The present building was the result, and here Mr. Eberly carried on a school until a few months before Prof. Palmer took it in hand. The school was not a financial success, however, and it became involved in debt, and it passed under the control of the Western Reserve Annual Conference of the United Brethren Church, who were to pay its indebtedness. This they failed to do, and the property was sold for its debts and bought by Mr. E. D. Hartman, of Wooster, its present owner. It is expected that under the efficient management of Prof. Palmer the present era of prosperity will be permanent.

Prof. Philip C. Palmer was married November 6, 1879, in his native county, to Miss Josie Schidler, born in Stark County, Ohio, August 29, 1858. Her parents were Elias and Sarah Ann (Ebi) Schidler, both now deceased. The former died in 1869, aged thirty-seven, and the latter in 1873, at the age of forty-eight. Prof. Palmer and wife have one child, Ray Emerson, born March 14, 1886. In politics Prof. Palmer, is a member of the Prohibition party, and socially is a mem-

ber of the order of the Knights of Macabees. Since making his home in Smithville Prof Palmer has made many friends, and is deservedly popular. His neighbors who know him best speak in terms of high praise of his character as an honest, trustworthy, Christian gentleman, who has the esteem of every one who knows him.

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**E** A. BROWN was born six miles east of the city of Wooster, Ohio, May 7, 1827. His parents, who were of German descent, came to Wayne County in 1814, and settled upon a farm. His father married Jane Boyd, who bore him ten children, of whom five still live, none, save our subject, being now in Wayne County. In June, 1867, the mother was called from earth, the father following her to the grave in 1873. He was a man of considerable influence in his township, for fifteen years holding the position of justice of the peace, and was always a strong Democrat. E. A. Brown spent his boyhood years upon the farm, and had the limited school advantages found in the old log school-house of the neighborhood. He resided upon his father's farm until January 18, 1849, when he was united in marriage with Miss Jane Hunter, daughter of David Hunter,





who lived on a neighboring farm. By this union eight children were born, as follows: Mrs. Esther Ann Wynn, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Mary J. Mackey, of Apple Creek; Mrs. Ellen C. Baker, deceased; John H., a clerk in the C. C. & I. R. R. freight office, at Cleveland Ohio; David W., in Canton, Ohio; Charles Lee, in Cleveland, Ohio; Laura Bell, who married a Mr. Peppard, and died at Mount Vernon, Ohio; Minnie, youngest daughter, at home. Mr. Brown, after his marriage, became a teacher, and continued in that profession for five winters, laboring on the farm in the summer.

In 1856 he was appointed freight and ticket agent at Apple Creek, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he remained for some ten years; then resigned and came to Wooster, Ohio, where he has since made his home. He was appointed court constable and bailiff in Wayne County Common Pleas Court, and for four years had charge of the high school building of Wooster, after which he again served as court constable under Sheriff Coulter, and also under Sheriffs Messmore and Mongey. In the spring of 1888 he received the nomination on the Democratic ticket for county sheriff, and in the fall was elected by 711 majority, the largest majority that was ever given to any sheriff. Mr. Brown is well known and respected. He is a member of the

Knights of Pythias and Improved Order of Red Men; a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster.

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**S**OLOMON H. JOHNSON was born in that part of Richland County (Vermillion Township) which is now Ashland County, Ohio, April 12, 1829, and is a son of John E. and Sarah (Harmon) Johnson, the former a native of New Jersey, the latter of Pennsylvania. Other members of their family are William E. Johnson, in Canaan Township, Wayne County; Thomas Henry, in Medina County; John E., in Clay City, Ind., and Abraham, in Gratiot County, Mich. Our subject was reared on the homestead farm, receiving but a limited education, means being slender. He remained at home until the age of eighteen years, when he worked for two years at carpentering. In 1848 he came to Wayne County, Ohio, and for one year found employment as a carpenter. In 1849 he rented a farm for six years, in Milton Township, and then purchased a farm in Medina County, Ohio, which he carried on for eight years; then purchased a farm at Sterling, and in 1871 he moved to his present place in Milton Township, Wayne County. In addition to farming Mr. Johnson has followed the





occupation of an auctioneer for twenty-five years, with an average of fifty-five sales per year. He is popular as an auctioneer in four or five of the surrounding counties.

November 20, 1849, Mr. Johnson married Rosana, daughter of John and Sarah Lance, of Milton Township, Wayne County. She died July 12, 1866, leaving eight children: Sarah, wife of Barnhart Bartholomew, of Medina County, Ohio (has three children: Wesley, Irvin and Charles); Polly, wife of C. G. Bessey, of Abilene, Dickinson Co., Kas. (has two children: Fay and Ray); John O. (deceased); Casper, in Milton Township, married to Emma, daughter of J. H. Ruggles, of Creston, Ohio, who died, and he afterward married Mamie, daughter of H. P. Fasig, of Medina County, Ohio, and they have two children: Nellie and Carl; Hettie, wife of George Spooner, of Gratiot County, Mich., has one child, an infant; Rosana, Alice Tiola, Solomon J. In 1872 Mr. Johnson married his present wife, Harriet, daughter of John M. and Elizabeth Smith, of Milton Township, Wayne County, and by her has six children, as follows: Thurman, Corwin, Thomas, David, Belle and Frank. Mr. Johnson is an ardent Democrat in politics, and has always taken an active part in the affairs of his township. He has served as constable, supervisor, school director and assessor, and at the present time (1888)

he is one of the township trustees. He is a member of Seville Lodge, No. 74, F. & A. M., and of Seville Council, No. 474, R. A., also of Sterling Lodge, No. 173, K. P. He is a member of the United Brethren Church in Christ at Sterling, Wayne Co., Ohio.

MARTIN WELKER, retired district judge of the United States Court, Wooster, Ohio, was born in Knox County, Ohio, April 25, 1819. His father, who was of German descent, was an early settler in Ohio, and having but little means to educate a large family, his son was obliged to rely upon his own resources. His educational advantages in youth were necessarily limited to a few years' schooling during winters in the log cabin school-house of the West. This primeval educational structure, the antiquated and vanished predecessor of the modern university, is well described by the judge himself in the following paragraph taken from his speech delivered at the dedication of the Wooster High School, October, 1870:

The scene before me to-day recalls to me days of other years, far back in the history of common schools in our State. I shall never forget the first school in which I entered, and the house in which it was held. On a cold December morning I





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walked through a heavy snow, three miles, to the school-house, on the banks of Owl Creek, in Knox County. I there found a little log cabin, sixteen feet square, with puncheon floor, clapboard door and roof, and greased paper on the windows. The whole end of the house one wide fire-place, with a chimney, made of clay and sticks, built on the outside, and a blazing log fire in the ample fire-place. The benches or seats were split logs, with the flat side uppermost, with round sticks for legs, on which we sat with our feet dangling above the rude floor. The master, as the leader was then called, had the only desk, and that was a flat board with four legs, standing in one corner. The writing tables consisted of wide split slabs along one side of the room, supported by pins driven in the logs of the house. In this public building—and it is a fair representative of its day—we were provided a school for three months in the year, the winter season only.

It was under such circumstances, and possessed of such meager facilities of education, that Martin Welker was to receive the mental training requisite to the active public life which lay before him. At an early age he developed a strong inclination for books and the acquisition of knowledge, and his habit of assiduous application soon enabled him to become master of the branches as taught at that time in the schools. At the age of fourteen he abandoned his father's farm, and obtained a situation as clerk in a store in a neighboring village, where he remained four years, in the meantime appropriating much of his leisure time to the investigation of the higher branches of an English education. When a clerk in the store an

event occurred which, no doubt, largely influenced, and to an eminent degree imparted purpose and determination to his career in life. He was called as a witness before a grand jury at Mount Vernon. He had heard of courts and judges, but this was his first opportunity of witnessing either. The Hon. Ezra Dean was then presiding judge, and was a man of commanding appearance and dignified deportment and manner. This single but extraordinary circumstance so wonderfully impressed the then plastic mind of the young witness for the first time in court that he then and there resolved to be a lawyer, and, if possible, to be worthy to attain that higher and nobler distinction of judge. This resolution ripened into a firm and settled purpose. His boyhood associates heard his declarations, and many of them lived to see them verified. He never lost sight of his young ambitions, and how earnestly, zealously and indefatigably he has labored to accomplish and vindicate those ambitions his remarkable judicial record most eloquently explains. At the end of eighteen years of hard and unremitted labor, and of many changes of fortune, he was elected judge of the district over the same Judge Dean, who was his competitor, and actually occupied the same chair in the same old court-house at Mount Vernon. This was the position he had declared to an





associate he would aspire to attain; and, on its attainment, his youthful friend, now an eminent physician, warmly congratulated him on the fulfillment of his boyish dreams—a most laudable early ambition.

At the age of eighteen, having made considerable progress in a general education, he entered a lawyer's office at Millersburgh, Holmes County, and commenced the study of the legal profession, in the multitudinous and complex intricacies of which he has acquired a national reputation. While engaged in the study of law he occupied a portion of the time in probing the roots and exploring the beauties of the Latin tongue; nor did he omit carefully to peruse the pages of ancient and modern history, and thus lay deep the foundation for the superstructure of his future eminence. In the literary societies with which he was identified he soon acquired reputation as a cogent reasoner, an apt and skillful debater, as well as an accomplished and vigorous writer. In the political campaign of 1840 he took a very active part for one so young and inexperienced. The editorial department of the Whig paper published in the town in which he resided received many keen and valuable contributions from his pen. At the age of twenty-one he was admitted to the bar, and rapidly rose to distinction as a jurist and advocate. Since then we might almost say of him what Phillips

said of Bonaparte, that his path has been "a place of continued elevations." In 1846 he was appointed clerk of the court of common pleas of Holmes County for a term of seven years, serving but five, when he resigned and resumed the practice of law. In 1848 he was nominated by the Whig party as its candidate for Congress in the district then composed of Holmes, Coshocton and Tuscarawas, but the district was largely Democratic, and he failed of an election. After he had been practicing ten years he was nominated and elected judge of the court of common pleas for the Sixth District of Ohio, which then included Wayne County, and served the constitutional term of five years. At the close of this period he was unanimously renominated, but, on account of much political excitement at the time, growing out of the presidential contest of 1856, himself being a Whig in politics and the district largely Democratic, he failed of re-election, although running largely ahead of his ticket. In the fall of 1857 he was elected lieutenant-governor of Ohio, at the time that S. P. Chase was elected governor. In this position he served one term, but declined a re-election.

At the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion he was appointed aid-de-camp to Gov. Dennison, and assigned to the duties of judge advocate-general of the



State. He acted as such, and was the confidential assistant of the governor, generally, until the expiration of his term of office. His business qualifications in this position contributed valuable service in calling out and organizing the Ohio troops. He was afterward appointed a major on the staff of Gen. J. D. Cox, afterward governor of Ohio and secretary of the interior, and served out the term for which the first soldiers were enlisted. In 1862 he was appointed by Gov. Tod assistant adjutant-general of the State of Ohio and State superintendent of the draft for that year. While in discharge of that duty he was nominated for Congress by the Republican party, but was defeated (as were many others in that disastrous campaign) by a majority of only thirty-six. In 1864 he was nominated again, and was elected by a large majority to the XXXIXth Congress, from the Fourteenth Ohio District, then composed of the counties of Holmes, Ashland, Wayne, Medina and Lorain. In 1866 he was re-elected to the XLth Congress, serving on the joint committee on retrenchment and on the committee for the District of Columbia. In 1868 he was again elected, to the XLIst Congress, where he served as chairman of the committee on retrenchment of the House, on the committee of the District of Columbia and the committee on private land claims, of which latter

he was acting chairman during the last session of that Congress. In the summer of 1869 the congressional retrenchment committee crossed the continent to California with a view of visiting and investigating the custom house of San Francisco. Mr. Welker was chairman of the House committee, and Patterson, of New Hampshire, chairman of the Senate committee. While on the Pacific coast they were most hospitably entertained, and were the recipients of much attention and many favors by the citizens. They visited the Geysers, Yosemite and the Cliff House, groves of big trees, crossed the beautiful bay, and were saluted by cannon from Alcatraz. In connection with his duties on retrenchment committees he made himself familiar with the working machinery of the Government. This committee had charge of the organization of the attorney-general's office, and made it the department of justice. During his service in Congress he made one of the first speeches on reconstruction, and several other speeches on finance, agricultural department, impeachment of the President and several eulogies on the deaths of members, besides often engaged in general discussions. In November, 1873, he was appointed, by President Grant, district judge of the United States for the Northern District of the State of Ohio, *vice* Hon. Charles Sherman, resigned, and





was immediately confirmed by the Senate. This is a life appointment, and is the keystone in the handsome and enviable arch which crowns the reputation of Mr. Welker. He brought to the discharge of its duties the maturer products of a life of toil, the solid experiences of professional manhood, an enlightened and discriminating mind in the highest state of culture, a sound judgment, and a keen and lucid comprehension of the law. The office honored him no more than he has honored it. On his application he was retired, June 1, 1889, under the laws of the United States, which provide for the retirement of United States judges, he having served sixteen years and arrived at the age of seventy years.

Judge Welker was married March 4, 1841, the day of President Harrison's inauguration, to Miss Maria Armor, of Millersburgh, Ohio, a sister of Prof. S. G. Armor, of Long Island Medical College. She is a lady of refinement and culture, and was highly esteemed by her acquaintances and friends in Washington City. They have no children. At the close of his term of judgeship of the court of common pleas, and in the spring of 1857, he removed to Wooster, where he has permanently resided ever since, though his judicial duties demanded his presence in Cleveland and Toledo. He is now also professor of political science and of con-

stitutional and international law in the University of Wooster, where he delivers a course of lectures. A few years ago the same university conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He has been, in the loftiest sense, a public man almost throughout life. Among the galaxy of distinguished men of Ohio he has exerted a great influence in the development of his native State, and, in his quiet, unobtrusive, but effective way, has contributed largely in shaping her political destiny.

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HUGH A. HART, M. D. Well known, and standing high as a specialist in his profession, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Juniata County, Penn., June 16, 1843. His father, William Hart, was a native of the same county, born in 1809, and therein spent his life in the occupation of farming. He passed from earth in 1850. The paternal ancestry were of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to America many years ago; the maternal ancestry were Scotch, and came to America at a date even earlier than the paternal ancestry. The maternal great-grandfather served through the Revolution, and the maternal grandfather, Robert Robinson, was a lieu-





tenant in the Pennsylvania infantry in the War of 1812. William Hart, the father of Hugh A., was united in marriage, in 1838, with Miss Prudence A. Robinson, also a native of Juniata County, Penn., and by her became the father of six children, of whom four are now living, Hugh A. (our subject) and Mary A. being the only ones in Wayne County. In 1867 Mrs. Hart came to Wooster, Ohio, and here remained until her death, which occurred July 9, 1888, she being seventy-two years of age. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Wooster. Her remains rest beside those of her husband, in Pennsylvania.

The subject proper of these lines when a boy labored on his father's farm, and at sixteen years of age was sent to school at the Academic School of Academia, Penn. In 1863 he enlisted in the service of his State at the time of the Southern invasion. After three months he returned to his home, and at Thompsontown, Penn., began to fit himself for life's work by studying medicine. He later attended the University of New York, graduating in medicine thereat in 1867. The same year he also graduated at the Aylette Medical Institute, New York City, and then came to Wayne County, where he began practice and continued until 1875, when he again went to New York in order to make a special study of the eye and ear,

under the direction of Prof. H. Knapp. March 1, 1879, he received an appointment as clinical assistant, and later as assistant surgeon in the New York Ophthalmic and Aural (eye and ear) Institute, and as such served two years. In 1881 he returned to Wooster, where he has since made his home, having established a large practice and wide reputation as a very successful specialist. His business has gradually increased and extended until his patients now come many miles for treatment. In 1873 Dr. Hart was married to Miss Kate E. Ingard, daughter of August and Jeanette (Nold) Ingard, and a native of Wooster City, Ohio. This union has been blessed with one child, named H. Wayne Hart. The Doctor, as were his ancestors, is a Democrat. He is a member of the Board of Education, now serving his second term. Both himself and his esteemed wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Wooster.

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JOHN H. MARTIN, son of John and Ruth (Moore) Martin, was born in Clinton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1829, was reared and received his school training in Holmes County, and, having received a liberal education, he taught school successfully for some time.



In 1852 he traveled across the plains to California, where he remained five years, engaged in mining. Returning in 1857, he married, in 1859, Mary L., daughter of Samuel and Eliza Hayes, and located in Prairie Township, Holmes Co., Ohio, near Holmesville, where he carried on farming, and where two children were born: Janetta Irwin and Charles Fremont.

In 1865 he purchased the farm he now owns in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, to which he removed in 1866, and where he has since resided. Here one child was born, George Jared, now at home with his parents. Mr. Martin enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 100-days' service, and was on guard duty at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Congregational Church; politically he is a Republican. [For early history of the Martin family see sketch of James Martin.]

He subsequently turned his attention to journalistic work, and in 1875 established the *Gazette*, which was the first newspaper in Dalton. This he has now conducted fourteen years. Mr. Scott is a staunch republican, and has been honored by being the choice of the people for position of postmaster of Dalton, and is the present incumbent. Mr. Scott was married, October 25, 1871, to Amanda S. Fenton, daughter of Smith and Susan Fenton. They have a family of five children: Ernest F., Luanna W., Gertrude L., Harry W. and Clyde C. Mr. Scott has been prominently identified with the politics of his native town, and for fourteen years has served as city clerk, a position he still holds. His father was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, a member of the Forty-first Ohio Infantry, and after his return home voted as he fought, for Republican principles. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are among the prominent and influential citizens of the town.

**W**ALTON C. SCOTT, editor of the *Dalton Gazette*, is a native of Dalton, Ohio, born November 17, 1849, a son of Levi M. and Mary A. Scott, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish descent. He was reared and educated in his native village, and in his youth learned the "art preservative."

**A**LBERT STAMM. The first of this family to come to Wayne County, Ohio, was Jacob Stamm, now deceased. He was born in Somerset County, Penn., March 14, 1805, his parents being George and Elizabeth





(Baker) Stamm, natives of that county. His father dying when he was quite young, Jacob was reared by his grandfather Baker, and in 1830 they came to Wayne County, locating in Franklin Township, on 160 acres of land, where Mr. Baker ended his days. His mother also came to Wayne County, married one Stuckey, and died in Centerville. Jacob was first married, in Pennsylvania, to Catherine Schaaf, who died in 1852, and September 1, 1853, he married Margaret, daughter of John Hagy, of Holmes County, Ohio, by which union there were nine children, all yet living: Albert; Eliza; Adolph; George, married to Cora Estella Blue, of Knox County, Ohio; Jacob, married to Hannah Goodear, of Cass County, Neb.; Wilson, in Nebraska, and Joseph, Margaret and LeGrand, at home.

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Mr. Stamm was a staunch Republican, and held various township offices. He was a leading member of the German Lutheran Church of Wooster; also helped to build the church in Franklin Township. He died August 27, 1878. His widow now lives, with seven of her children, on the old homestead, Albert, the subject of this sketch, being the eldest, and taking charge of the affairs of the estate. The family are engaged in general farming and stock raising, and are very highly respected by the community in which they live.

JOHN EDWIN ZIMMERMAN, of Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio, is the youngest son of John and Mary (Strock) Zimmerman, who have been residents of the county for forty years, and are probably the oldest married couple in the county, having lived together for nearly sixty-four years. The paternal grandparents of our subject, George and Elizabeth (Lyttle) Zimmerman, were both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Germantown, and the latter in Chester. The father was of German extraction, his parents having come to this country prior to the Revolution. The mother was of Scotch-Irish descent. George Zimmerman was a currier by trade, and lived in Philadelphia until after his marriage. On the breaking out of the yellow fever there, in 1801, he removed to Germantown, and shortly after to Lancaster County, Penn., where he and his wife died, he aged sixty-one, and she seventy-three.

John Zimmerman, father of our subject, lived in Lancaster until he was nineteen, when he went to Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Penn., where he worked at cabinet-making and house carpentering, and later helped to build the State capitol, at Harrisburg, Penn. On the completion of the State house he returned to Cumberland County, and again engaged in cabinet-making until 1848, when he removed to Ohio, living the first six months in New

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Carlisle, Clarke County, then coming to Smithville, Wayne County, where he has ever since lived. There he engaged in merchandising for three years, and then again started the cabinet-making, carrying it on until 1884, when he retired, giving up the business to his sons. March 3, 1825, John Zimmerman was married to Mary Strock, who was born in Pennsylvania August 31, 1802. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters. Two are deceased. Joseph died October 6, 1846, aged twenty years and nine months, and Mary Emily died May 19, 1855. The survivors are Manuel S., married to Sarah Ginley, carrying on cabinet-making and undertaking with his brother, and John E., our subject. The daughter is Adeline, wife of Henry Willaman, of Canton, Ohio. John Zimmerman was for two years a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and since coming to Ohio has held several important offices. For fourteen years he was justice of the peace, and for almost as long a time was notary public. He was an executor and administrator, and settled many estates, his first experience in that line being in Pennsylvania sixty-three years ago. He has enjoyed in a marked degree the confidence of his neighbors, who felt safe in entrusting their business in his hands. He and his wife are members of the Church of God of Smithville. For

nearly fifty years he was an elder, but the growing infirmities of age caused his resignation. During all the many years they have been residents of Smithville he and his wife have ever enjoyed the respect and esteem of their neighbors, as most upright and honorable persons and consistent Christians, and now, well advanced in years, can look back with satisfaction to a life well spent.

John Edwin Zimmerman was born in Cumberland County, Penn., September 25, 1834. He came to Ohio with his parents, and since their removal to Smithville has ever since made that place his home. He learned his father's trade of cabinet-making, working with the latter until his retirement, when, as stated, he and his brother Manuel took the business. They also do undertaking, which has become the principal part of their trade. On May 2, 1864, John E. and his brother Manuel enlisted for 100 days in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, serving four months. November 9, 1865, he was married to Isabella, daughter of William and Maria Greenamyre, of whose family a full history is given under the name of P. S. Greenamyre. She was born in Columbiana, Ohio, January 30, 1840. They have one child, a son, named William G., now twenty-one years of age, who lives with his parents. Mr. Zimmerman has



been treasurer of the township, and has also held other positions of trust. He is a friend to education, and is one of the incorporators of the Northern Ohio Normal School. He is a member of Davidson Post, No. 490, G. A. R., and as a neighbor and citizen is highly esteemed.

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**J**OSEPH A. SCHUCH, county recorder of Wayne County, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, November 6, 1849. His paternal grandparents came to America from Germany about 1847, and located in Wooster, Ohio, preparing to make a home there, but in eight days after their arrival death took away the grandmother, and eighteen months later the grandfather. Frederick Schuch, the father of our subject, came to America in 1846, and direct to Wooster, Ohio. At Loudonville, Ashland Co., Ohio, he was married to Margaret Young, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, and the daughter of Christian Young. Her mother died when she (Margaret) was but eight years of age. This union was blessed by the birth of eight children, seven of whom are now living.

Joseph A. Schuch, the subject proper of this biographical memoir, received school advantages at Loudonville, Ohio,

and later for one and a half years at Wooster. In 1874 he was married to Miss Anna Kemmerline, daughter of George and Hannah Kemmerline, and a native of Wooster, Ohio. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schuch: Frederick and Eveline. Mr. Schuch first learned the trade of a barber, and followed it successfully for some years. He was very popular and made many friends. April 6, 1881, he was elected township treasurer, in which capacity he served three terms, and in 1887 he was elected to his present position of county recorder. His majority has always been large, and far greater than his party vote would alone give, thus showing his popularity with both parties. Mr. Schuch is a natural musician, and still is, as he has been for years, connected with the Wooster band. He is a member of Morgen Stern Lodge No. 41, K. of P., and the Improved Order of Red Men.

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**D**AVID I. SLEMMONS was born in Milton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 21, 1839, son of Samuel and Ann (McKee) Slemmons, who were natives of Washington County, Pa., and came to Wayne County in 1819, where they entered a tract of land in





Milton Township. They were prominent members of the Jackson Presbyterian Church, in which the father was an elder. He was an active Democrat, and held the office of township treasurer for several years. He died in 1877, his wife in 1874. Five of their children are still living, viz.: Samuel, John, David I., Elizabeth (widow of James Whiteside) and Martha (Mrs. M. S. Gish), all in Milton Township, Wayne County. The subject of this memoir received his education at the township schools and Seville Academy.

In 1877 he married Mary, daughter of William Armstrong, of Canaan Township, Wayne County, and they have two children, Howard and Laura. He is engaged in farming, and owns two quarter sections of land in Milton Township. Mr. Slemmons is an elder in the Jackson Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He held the office of township clerk for a period of twelve years, from 1869 until 1881.

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**W**ILLIAM MUSSER was born June 9, 1835, in Salt Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, on the farm now owned by J. B. Crosby, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah (McDonald) Musser. John McDonald, maternal grand-

father of our subject, was of Scotch descent, born in Fauquier County, Va., where he married and died, having reared a family of eight children, as follows: John, James, Carter, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Nancy and Sarah, all deceased except Sarah. He served in the colonial army during the entire war for independence, that gave birth to our great republic. Jacob Musser, father of William, came from Switzerland to America in 1816, and in 1822 revisited Europe. Returning to the United States, he continued his journey to Shenandoah County, Va., and there, in 1834, married, about which time he removed to Wayne County, Ohio, making the journey from the Shenandoah Valley on horseback. He located in Salt Creek Township, and here followed his trade, that of carpenter, and built many of the better class of houses at that time. He was the father of four children, as follows: William, Catherine (now wife of L. C. Reichenbach, residing in East Union Township, Wayne County), Lucy (now Mrs. Smith, residing in Paint Township, Wayne County) and Emily (now Mrs. Allen Brown, residing in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County). The father of these children died December 23, 1881; his widow has her home with her son, William.

William Musser was married December 24, 1863, to Caroline Emick, daughter





of George Emick, of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, and located on the farm he now owns, in Salt Creek Township, where he carries on farming. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Musser are Emma C., Sidney A., Harvey E. and Charles J., all at home with their parents. He is identified with the Republican party, and has been a member of the Board of Education for twelve or fifteen years, during which time many changes and improvements have been made in the township in regard to schools and school buildings.

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**E**DWARD SCHAAF, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Stamm) Schaaf, was born on the homestead he now owns, in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, April 9, 1841. Michael Schaaf was a native of Bavaria, Germany, immigrated to America about 1820 or 1825, and first located in Somerset County, Penn. In 1830 he came to Wayne County, and located on eighty acres of land in Franklin Township, where he died in 1871. He held several political offices, and was a prominent member of the Reformed Lutheran Church. His wife died in 1882. Two of their children are deceased, viz.: Michael and Albert,

both of whom were members of Company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and both died in 1863.

The seven children yet living are as follows: Eliza Ann, wife of Isaac Burnett, in Franklin Township, Wayne County; Adam, in Williams County, Ohio; George, also in Franklin Township; Josiah, in Arkansas; Edward, on the homestead; John and William, both in Franklin Township. Of these, George was born in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 17, 1835; in 1860 he married Esther, daughter of John Burnett, of Franklin Township, and they have five children: Elsie Jane, Francis Asbury, John Ellsworth, Osmond C. and Harley Walter; the father of these children is a Republican in politics, and has been school director in his township; he is one of the trustees of the Moorland Methodist Episcopal Church. John Schaaf was born April 27, 1847; in 1873 he married Mary J., daughter of S. M. Henry, Esq., of Franklin Township, Wayne County, and they have one child, Florence E.; Mr. Schaaf is one of the trustees of the Moorland Methodist Episcopal Church. William Schaaf was born September 13, 1853, on the homestead where he now lives, and was married, in 1876, to Miss Alice, daughter of Seth Smith, of Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio; they have two children, Odessa E. and Eliza E.; Mr.



Schaaf and family are members of the Moorland Methodist Episcopal Church. Edward Schaaf, whose name heads this sketch, enlisted, in 1862, in Company G, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served nine months. He never married.

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**A**NDREW J. BLACKSTONE, clothing merchant, Orrville, Ohio, is a native of Wayne County, born in Paint Township, April 29, 1840. On his paternal side his grandfather came from England and his grandmother from Germany. On the maternal side both grandparents came from Wales. They all settled in Westmoreland County, Penn., where Daniel Blackstone, father of Andrew J., was born in 1810. He and his wife are now living near West Lebanon, in Paint Township, his farm lying partly in that township and partly in Sugar Creek.

He came to Wayne County with his parents when young, and being left fatherless at an early age, had to rely entirely on his own exertions. Not only did he maintain himself, but he was the main support of his mother until her death, which occurred in 1854. Notwithstanding his disadvantageous circumstances, by unremitting industry and habits of thrift he made his way in the world, and is now

in possession of a comfortable competence, besides giving each of his children a good start in life. He was quite young when his parents removed to Ohio, and, until his marriage, worked out. After that, in company with his mother, he bought a small piece of land, and on that place he has lived ever since. As the years went by and prosperity rewarded his industry, piece by piece he added to his farm, until to-day he has one of the finest in Wayne County, comprising 225 acres. His early habits of industry have never left him, and he has always been noted as an extraordinarily industrious and hard-working man. Having all he could attend to at home, he has avoided public office, his politics being simply to do his duty at the polls. His first vote was cast for Harrison and Tyler, in 1840. He is known as a kind and charitable man, always willing to help the poor and distressed, and is highly esteemed in the community where he has so long made his home. He is a firm believer in the doctrines of Christianity, but has never united with any denomination. He, however, has always been a liberal contributor to all church work, and gives freely to all churches in the neighborhood. As illustrative of his character, it may be mentioned that he has never in his life been engaged in a lawsuit, either as plaintiff or defendant. He was married





when twenty-one or twenty-two years of age to Miss Harriet Griffith, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Griffith, of Sugar Creek Township, of which her father was one of the early settlers, and where he held the office of justice of the peace many years, until his death. Harriet Griffith was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1812. She is a woman of deep religious convictions, and was reared in the Methodist faith by pious parents. She is now a member of the Lutheran Church near her home. She has been a faithful wife and devoted mother, and has the sincere love and affection of all her children. Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone have had ten children, of whom one, Stephen, is deceased. The rest are Benjamin, living in Stark County, Ohio; Susan, wife of John A. Rose, in Marion, Kas.; Andrew J.; Eli, living near Tipton, Mo.; Melissa, wife of Wesley Seiler, in Waterloo, Ind.; Mary, wife of W. M. Snyder, of this county; Howard M., also in this county; Harvey Ervin, a practicing physician in Excelsior, Mo., and Isaac A., on a farm near the old home.

Andrew J. Blackstone, the subject of this memoir, lived on the farm until he was twenty-one years old, receiving a good common-school education. He was married in 1861, and removed to Illinois, renting a farm there in the spring of

1862, but in a few months he gave it up to enter the Union army, on July 21 of that year, in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. While in the service he underwent much hardship. In the fall of 1862, at Louisville, Ky., he was detailed to help manage teams, and was kicked and trampled upon by a mule, and severely injured, laying him up in the hospital for two months. In November following he rejoined his regiment at Glasgow, Ky., and was in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn. January 21, 1863, he was one of a detail sent out with a forage train. Scarcely had they passed the Union pickets when they were charged upon by rebel cavalry, and thirty-three teams, teamsters, detail and guards were captured. They were hurried off to the rebel Gen. Morgan's headquarters at McMinnville, Tenn., where they were paroled. Mr. Blackstone was sent out with rebel teams on a foraging expedition, and did not get back to camp until 11 o'clock at night, before which time all the other prisoners had been sent off. He was given his parole, but was not allowed to leave the rebel lines. The hardships and exposure he here endured brought on a severe fit of sickness, leaving him hardly able to walk. Other prisoners had been captured in the meantime, and with them he was sent to the Union



lines, but, being unable to keep up, he fell behind, and was picked up by Union cavalry, who took him to Glasgow, Ky. His parole directed him to report at Louisville, Ky., and on his way from Glasgow to the railroad he was overhauled by two rebel cavalymen, who took away his parole, pronouncing it bogus, and charged him with being a spy. During the night he escaped, after being shot at several times, and made his way to the railroad, and thence to Louisville. By order of Gov. Brough he was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, and afterward to his home. From there he reported by letter to his old captain, but learned soon after that he had been killed. Getting no orders, and anxious to re-enter his country's service, and not wishing to return to Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois, in violation of his oath of parole, he enlisted, January 4, 1864, in the Ninth Ohio Cavalry, in which he did gallant service until the close of the war, being promoted to first sergeant in six months after joining the regiment, for meritorious conduct. He participated in over thirty cavalry engagements; was with Gen. Rousseau on his famous raid through Alabama, from July 10 to 22, 1864; then at the downfall of Atlanta, Ga.; thence with Gen. Sherman on the march to the sea, and back up through the Carolinas to the surrender of Gen. Johnston, at Lex-

ington, N. C., April 26, 1865. Twice while in the service he was reported dead, once it being reported with particulars in the Nashville papers. He was discharged August 2, 1865. As he received but one month's pay and \$25 bounty on joining the One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois, he now has a petition before Congress asking for the amount justly due him for faithful service. Returning to the pursuits of peace, he rented his Grandmother Griffith's farm, near his old home, and the following spring bought two shares of it from the heirs. Two years after, he bought the rest of the farm, which comprises 100 acres, and there he made his home for eighteen years, until 1884. He then removed to Orrville, where the family yet live. In 1885 he bought out the clothing store of Joseph Beidler, in Orrville, which he conducted successfully until May 25, 1889, when he exchanged his store for a 240-acre farm in Davidson County, Dak., which he expects to make his future home, his postoffice address being Mount Vernon. December 12, 1861, Mr. Blackstone was married to Charlotte, daughter of David and Mary Fortney, of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County. She was born in Stark County, Ohio, July 9, 1842. They have had five children, of whom two, Melissa and Mary Rebecca, died young.





The survivors are Rousseau, a jeweler by profession, living in Crestline, Ohio; Eli Henderson, a telegrapher by profession, and Pearl May, who lives with her parents. In religious belief Mr. Blackstone adopts the doctrines of the Universalist Church, and among the people who know them they bear the reputation of upright, good neighbors and citizens.

**J**OHAN S. JAMES, eldest son of George and Ann (Sealy) James, was born in Somersetshire, England, May 4, 1817, and emigrated to America with his parents in 1832. For about thirty years he remained with his parents, and in 1862 he moved onto his present farm of 160 acres. In 1861 he married Miss Martha, daughter of Thomas Gilmore, of Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. She died in 1884, leaving six children, as follows: Thomas Sealy, living at home; James Alfred, who married Sarah Grant, and lives in Franklin Township, Wayne County; William Edward, living at home; George A. and Harry Oscar, in Nebraska, and Henry Arthur, at home. Mr. James is a Democrat in politics, and has served his township as supervisor for three years, trustee for two years, and is now serving his fourth year as treasurer. He and

family attend the services of the Moorland Methodist Episcopal Church.

**L**EVI RUDY was born in Lancaster County, Penn., May 27, 1819, son of Christian and Barbara (Moyer) Rudy, natives of Lancaster County, Penn. They came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1834, and located on a farm near Dalton, in Sugar Creek Township, where they lived the remainder of their days. Christian Rudy was a prominent member of the Mennonite Church; in politics he first voted the Whig and afterward the Republican ticket. He died in 1875, his wife in 1859. Their family consisted of ten children, eight of whom are still living, viz.: David, Sr., in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County; Levi; Sarah, a maiden lady, also in Sugar Creek Township; Maria, living in Illinois; Israel, in Denver City, Colo.; Ann, wife of Samuel Snively, of Sugar Creek Township; Barbara, wife of Henry Buchwalter, of Trumbull County, Ohio; David, in Sugar Creek Township.

Levi Rudy, the subject of this memoir, came to Wayne County with his parents when fifteen years of age; was reared on the homestead farm, and sent to the schools of the period. In 1850 he purchased his present farm on the





edge of Dalton, Sugar Creek Township, where he has since resided. In 1851 he became united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ann, daughter of A. C. Cook, of Dalton, Ohio, and to them have been born four children, as follows: Mary Eva is the wife of J. Rudy Roebuck, of Baughman Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and has two children, Ina and Laura; Charles, living at home; Laura, wife of Barclay Snodgrass, of Dalton, Ohio, has two children, Frank and Harry; William, living at home. Mr. Rudy is a Republican, and has held the office of supervisor a number of years, and school director for over seventeen years. In 1880 he was elected land appraiser, and in 1886 justice of the peace, in which latter capacity he is now serving. His family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**D**R. JAMES D. ROBISON, one of the oldest and most successful physicians of Wooster, Ohio, was born April 23, 1820, in Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he was reared. His father, Thomas Robison, was born in Chambersburgh, Penn., of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He (Thomas) was a farmer in the early portion of his life, and in 1806, in company with his five brothers, came to Ohio.

After a sojourn here of three years he returned to Chambersburgh, and there learned the cabinet-making business, returning to Ohio in the fall of 1813, and locating in Wooster, where he carried on his tan-yard with his brother, David. Later he became interested in politics, and was elected justice of the peace, afterward sheriff of the county, and finally to the State Legislature. In connection with his political life he carried on merchandising, to which he devoted his time from 1840 until his death, which occurred in 1857. He visited Pennsylvania in the fall of 1816, and was married to Miss Jemima Dickey, a native of that State, who accompanied her husband on horseback from Pennsylvania to Ohio. They were among the first to organize the Presbyterian Church of Wooster, of which Mr. Robison was one of the trustees. Mrs. Robison survived her husband a number of years. Eight children were born to them, of whom the only ones living are the subject of this memoir and four daughters: Mrs. M. J., widow of John K. McBride, and Mrs. Martha A. Shively, in Wooster; Mrs. Margaret A. Jacobs, in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mrs. Sarah A. Avery, in St. Louis, Mo.

James D. Robison, whose name heads this sketch, became at the age of fourteen a clerk, and as such continued until he was nineteen. In February, 1840, he





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began reading medicine with Dr. S. N. Bissell, of Wooster, and in the fall of 1841 entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. The following summer he pursued his chosen profession at Cincinnati, and in October returned to Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated in March, 1843. His first office he opened in Cincinnati, where he practiced until July, 1846. He then, at the breaking out of the Mexican War, went to the field as surgeon of the Third Regiment Ohio Volunteers, under command of Samuel R. Curtiss. In 1848 he returned to Cincinnati, and thence removed to Wooster, where he has since made his home and practiced his profession. In February, 1857, the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Anna E. Loring, of Medina, Ohio, who in 1865 passed to the grave, leaving three sons: Tom A., James Dick and Harry Loring. Of these, Tom A. is deceased; James D. is the owner of a whip manufactory in Wooster; Harry L. is preparing to follow in the footsteps of his father, and is now studying medicine in New York City. In 1868 the Doctor chose for his second wife Viola C. Taylor, a native of Monroeville, Ohio, who departed this life in 1883. In the meantime the Doctor went to the War of the Rebellion as surgeon of the original Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, commissioned May 13, 1861, promoted to brigade surgeon August

5, 1861, but in March, 1863, on account of the ill health of his wife, resigned, and, returning to Wooster, was on the 30th of April commissioned surgeon of the Board of Enrollment of the Fourteenth Congressional District of Ohio, in which position he continued until the close of the war. Dr. Robison is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He assisted to build the Episcopal Church, and has since been one of its most earnest and conscientious members. His life has been a very active one, and being blessed with excellent health (having had but one illness), he has been able to accomplish much good for his fellow-men. In his profession he stands almost without a peer, and, as a man of whom all speak highly, very few are his equal.

One incident of his army life may be related. At Phillips, during the attack, a rebel soldier had gone into a stable to saddle a horse, when a cannon-ball crashed through the building and shattered his leg. Seeing some Union troops approaching the barn, and supposing his life would at once be forfeited were he discovered, the poor fellow climbed to the loft and concealed himself in the hay, awaiting death from loss of blood. He was discovered, however, and Dr. Robison amputated the shattered limb, thereby saving his life. This was the first limb amputated in the war; and an interesting fact



connected with the incident is that the soldier who lost his leg manufactured an artificial one for himself with so much skill that the Confederates kept him for a time employed at similar work for others; and since the war he has established and is still operating one of the largest artificial limb manufactories in the United States.

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**G**EORGE W. ROSS was born on a farm in the village of Sterling, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 8, 1854, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Peckinpagh) Ross, who are still living on the homestead. George W., the subject of this memoir, was reared on the farm, and received a good classical education at the township schools and Lodi Academy. After finishing his education he entered the law office of J. B. Woodward, of Medina, Ohio, where he studied law during the summer months, and engaged in teaching school during the winter, which routine he followed for several years. During this time he once served in the capacity of principal and high school teacher of the schools, at Creston, Ohio, and twice in the same capacity of the schools at Sterling, Ohio. He then entered the office of J. C. Johnson, president of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance

Company, and his partner, Mr. Graves, of Seville, Ohio, where he read law for two years. He was admitted to practice by the district court of Medina County, Ohio, March 27, 1879, and to the Circuit Court of the United States February 11, 1885. He is also a member of the Wayne County bar. Mr. Ross has always taken an active part in Republican politics, and is considered a leader in the northern part of the county. He was one of the organizers of the Sterling Wrench Company, and has acted as president of the same from 1886 to July, 1888. He is a member of Sterling Council No. 818, R. A., and is also an officer of the Grand Council of that order in Ohio. In October, 1880, he united in marriage with Miss Carrie E., daughter of D. B. Beardsley, attorney at law of Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Ross has never held any political offices, as he lives in a district strong in the opposite side of politics.

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**H**ENRY MARSHALL, a well-known citizen of Wayne County, was born in Doylestown, Wayne Co., Ohio, May 24, 1846. His paternal grandfather, who was a native of a foreign land, immigrated to America, here to make a home, and located near Get-



tysburg, Penn., but later came to Wayne County, Ohio, where the father of our subject was born. He (the father) became a farmer, and in 1842 was married to Miss Helen Shondel (formerly written Schandel), a native of France, who had come to America with her parents, locating near Canton, Ohio, when she was five years of age, and still later settling in Milton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. To this union two children were born, viz.: Joseph, in Doylestown, Ohio, and Henry. In 1864 the father was called to the grave, and in 1869 the mother followed him.

Henry Marshall first worked on his father's farm, receiving in the meantime a common-school education, until he was seventeen years of age, when he met with an accident which changed the course of his life. While felling a tree it lodged in another, and suddenly loosening fell upon him, breaking his leg so badly that amputation above the knee was found to be necessary. After this unfortunate accident he spent four years at the Canton High School, and then returned to Doylestown, where he entered the grocery business, in which he remained several years. During this time he efficiently filled the position of township clerk for several years, representing the Democratic party, to which he has ever owed allegiance. In 1881 he was elected county recorder, and was re-elected in 1884. In February, 1888,

he was appointed deputy judge of probate, which position he is still filling. In 1874 he chose a life's partner in the person of Miss Celia Dagenhart, daughter of Joseph and Cecelia Dagenhart, both now deceased, and a native of Massillon, Ohio. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Christian Schandel, was a soldier in the French army, accompanying Napoleon in his Russian campaign of 1812, and was badly frozen in the terrible retreat from Moscow.

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JOHN B. CROSBY, son of James and Margaret (Ross) Crosby, was born in Washington County, Penn., August 6, 1820. John Crosby, his grandfather, removed from Chester County, Penn., to Washington County, the same State. He reared a family of six children: John, William, James, Rebecca, Margaret and Rachel. James, the third son, was the father of John B. He was born in Chester County, and removed with his parents to Washington County. He participated in the War of 1812, and two years after its close, in 1817, married and made Washington County his home until 1840, when he moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled in Salt Creek Township,





where both he and his wife passed the last years of their lives. To them were born eleven children, viz.: Sarah, who died aged twenty years and three months; John B., born in 1820; Elizabeth, died aged three years and six months; Mary Jane, died aged three years and four months; Nancy, born in 1825, living at Wooster; James R., born in 1828; Ebenezer, born in 1829, died aged six months; Narcissa, born in 1831, died aged four years and six months; Lucinda, born in 1834, died aged fifteen years; Emily, born in 1836, is a resident of Wooster, and Amanda, born in 1839, is the wife of John W. McElroy, Jr., of Plain Township.

John B. Crosby was reared and educated in Washington County, Penn., and came to Wayne County with his parents in 1840. In 1846 he married Pensacela Brown, and located on the farm he now owns in Salt Creek Township. Their only child died in infancy. Mrs. Crosby died in 1848, and September 23, 1856, Mr. Crosby married Caroline Haymaker, and to them have been born two sons, Howard and Lincoln Chase. The latter died aged two years, and the former was married June 17, 1879, to Bell McBride, and is now engaged in farming in Salt Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Crosby casts his suffrage with the Prohibition party.

JOHN C. STEINER is a son of Christian and Catherine (Amstutz) Steiner, natives of France, who came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1831, and purchased a tract of land in Milton Township, where they carried on farming. Christian Steiner was a preacher in the Mennonite Church, and was instrumental in erecting two churches of that denomination in Milton Township. His first wife died in 1840, the mother of five children, viz.: Peter, in Seville, Ohio; Christian E., in Milton Township, Wayne County; Barbara, wife of Frederick Amstutz, of Milton Township; John C. (our subject) and Annie, wife of David Amstutz, of Michigan. The mother of this family died in 1840, and Mr. Steiner then married Maria, daughter of Daniel Steiner, of Milton Township, Wayne County. By this union were born the following named children: Fannie, wife of Rev. David C. Amstutz, of Milton Township; Daniel, in Milton Township, Wayne County; Ulrich, in Green Township, Wayne County; Gideon, in Kansas; Catherine, in Green Township, Wayne County; Amos, in Milton Township, Wayne County, and David, merchant and postmaster at Sterling, Ohio. Mrs. Steiner, mother of these children, died in 1881, and Mr. Steiner in 1885.

John C. Steiner was born July 25, 1828, was educated at the township



schools, and has always followed farming and horse breeding. April 23, 1863, he married Miss Maria Kratz, daughter of Jacob Kratz, of Milton Township, Wayne County, and they have six children, viz.: Reuben K., Edwin L., Katie A., Harvey J., Alice and Lizzie May. Mr. Steiner is a Democrat, and has served as supervisor and school director for many years. He was one of the organizers of the Sterling Wrench Company, and has since been one of its directors. During the late Rebellion he took an active part in furnishing men from Milton Township. He and wife are prominent members of the Mennonite Church.

**E**LIAS A. FREET was born August 26, 1832, near Columbiana, Ohio, a son of George W. and Charlotte (House) Freet, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Pennsylvania. They first settled in Trumbull County, Ohio, and subsequently moved to Columbiana, where the mother died in 1836. The father of our subject then married, for his second wife, Rachel Nevitt, of Harrison County, Ohio, and moved to Illinois, where he died in 1856. He was one of the original Abolitionists of Eastern Ohio. By his first wife George W.

Freet had eight children, all of whom are dead except two, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Jesse Gilbert, of Fairfield Township, Columbiana Co., Ohio, and Elias A. By his second wife he had five children, three of whom still live, viz.: Isaac H., in Kansas; George W., in Indiana, and Sarah Jane, wife of David Frazee, of Crawfordsville, Ind. The subject of this sketch was reared mostly in Portage County, Ohio, where he attended the district schools and the academy. In 1852 he came to Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he worked at the merchant tailor's trade, and in 1858 he established his present business in Dalton, that of clothing merchant. In 1855 Mr. Freet married Miss Lucinda, daughter of Curtis Houghton, of Dalton, Ohio, and by this union there are three children: Cora E. is the wife of William A. Harry, of Dalton, Ohio, and has one child, Judson F.; Lonisa and George Curtis are both at home.

Mr. Freet and his family are members of the Dalton Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder. In May, 1861, he was appointed postmaster of Dalton, which office he held until September 7, 1885, and is now serving his tenth year as town treasurer. He was one of the original stockholders of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, and was instrumental in getting a station at Dalton. Mr. Freet





has been a member of Cedar Lodge, No. 430, F. & A. M., of Orrville, for twenty years. He has always been a staunch Republican, and is considered one of the leaders of his party in his town.

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JAMES L. ZARING, principal of the public school, Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio, is the eldest son of Eli Zaring, clerk of courts of the county, under whose name, on another page of this volume, is given the family history. His mother's maiden name was Mary Stevic. They are now residents of Wooster, where Mr. Zaring's official duties demand his presence. The subject of this sketch was born in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, December 4, 1859. He attended the district school near his home, and when of suitable age learned the trade of shoemaking in summers in his father's shop. He, however, never followed this trade regularly. His common-school education was supplemented by a thorough course at the Normal School in Smithville, then conducted by Prof. Eberly. At the age of eighteen he was examined and obtained a teacher's certificate, but being of a youthful appearance did not obtain a school until he was twenty years old. His first school

was in Chester Township, where he taught three terms, constituting a full year. The succeeding two years he taught in District No. 3, in Plain Township, and then one year in District No. 4, in the same township: The following two years he taught in District No. 1, his home school, in which all his common-school education had been obtained. Each move was a step upward, and each position more responsible and more lucrative. Ever since he began his chosen career his course has been steadily onward. After leaving his home school he taught for a year in District No. 4, in Wooster Township, and was then offered and accepted the responsible position of principal of the public school at Smithville, which he still holds. This was a merited as well as gratifying tribute to his faithful and successful work as an educator.

June 3, 1883, Mr. Zaring was married to Wessie Reamer, a daughter of Jacob and Sophia Reamer, of Smithville, where she was born January 25, 1863. Her parents came to Ohio from Mechanicsburg, Penn., many years ago. Her father was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, and was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville, May 2, 1863. Her mother is now living in Smithville. Mr. and Mrs. Zaring are the parents of two children: Ethel and Walter. Mr. Zaring is a member of the order of the Knights



of the Maccabees. He is universally recognized as a gentleman of high principle, of unquestioned integrity, and as one of the most capable and successful educators in the county.

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**A**R. FLUHART. John and Eleanor (Culbertson) Thomas were married in 1819, and located in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, on the place now owned by John Sanderson, it then being a wilderness. This couple were natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., were married here, and were residents of Franklin for forty-eight years, then removed to Nashville, where Mr. Thomas died. The record of their children is as follows: Esther married E. G. Jack, and now resides in Lafayette, Ind.; John C. married Lottie Davis, and now resides in Shreve, Wayne County; William married May Robison, and now resides in Fulton County; Elizabeth married Josiah Yoter, and now resides in Shreve, Wayne County; Cyrus S. married Alvira Carr, and now resides in Michigan; Ebenezer married Elizabeth Moore, and now resides in East Union, Wayne County; Joseph died in 1869; and Margaret married A. R. Fluhart in 1850, and located April 10, 1867, on the farm he

now occupies. Their children are Zach-  
eus E., John Y., Elizabeth, Cyrus M.,  
Anna May, Harry C., Howard H., Ella  
M. and Jessie M. Zach-  
eus E. married  
Emma, daughter of Joseph and Sarah  
Jane Martin, of Holmes County, and lo-  
cated in Wooster Township, Wayne  
County; they have three children: Edna  
M., Jennie Mabel and Florence Moore.  
John Y. married Mary, daughter of Elias  
and Sarah Stucker, and moved to Mis-  
souri; they have four children: Edward  
E., Johnnie, Sadie and Ella M. Cyrus  
M. married Emma, daughter of John and  
Jane Richards, and located in Salt Creek  
Township; they have one daughter,  
Carrie Edith. Ella M. was married in  
1888 to A. A. Geitgey. The other chil-  
dren are at the homestead, which is situ-  
ated in a delightful valley. Mr. Fluhart  
is one of the progressive farmers of his  
township, and, with his sons, is a strong  
Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Fluhart and  
their entire family are members of the  
Presbyterian Church.

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**S**OLOMON R. BONEWITZ, one of  
the best known and most prominent  
lawyers in Wayne County, is a na-  
tive of the same, born November 28, 1820,  
and is a son of John and Margaret (Rider)



Bonewitz, both of whom were natives of Berks County, Penn., he coming in 1815 to Wayne County as a pioneer. In 1853 he moved with his wife and all of their children, excepting Solomon R., to Wabash County, Ind., where he died in February, 1885, aged ninety-two years, and his wife in 1860. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom are yet living, our subject being the only one now in Wayne County. One son resides in North Manchester, Ind., and one in Omaha, Neb.

Solomon R., subject of this memoir, received his school training at what jubilated in its day in the high-sounding title of "Hayes' College," which in reality was only a log school-house. His life was spent on a farm until he was eighteen years old, when he commenced a clerkship in his father's dry goods store, at what was then known as Naftzger's Mill, near Burbank, in Wayne County, and later at Mechanicsburgh, same county, until 1844. He had married, in the meantime, October 14, 1841, Miss Louisa Booth, of Medina County, Ohio, a lady of good education, who at one time was a teacher in the public schools, and who after marriage became in part her husband's instructor, stimulating him to a higher education. Her father, Hilen Booth, of Medina County, Ohio, was married to Sarah McCleod, and died in 1870, his wife having preceded him in 1860.

Mrs. Bonewitz has one brother in Akron, Ohio; another brother, who had been prominently identified with the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, having control of all the telegraph lines, died in 1883; one sister is the wife of Dr. M. K. Hard, of Wooster, Ohio, and another sister is Mrs. Monosmith, of Jay County, Ind. In 1844 Mr. and Mrs. Bonewitz came to Wooster, Wayne County, and here he finished his law studies, which he had taken up and prosecuted while engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1845 he was admitted to the bar at St. Clairsville, Ohio, practised his profession in Wooster up to 1865, in which year he formed a partnership known as the Bonewitz, Emrich & Co. Banking House, in Wooster, with himself as cashier. Later it became the Commercial Bank of Wooster, which merged into the National Bank of Wooster. In 1871 Mr. Bonewitz severed his connection with this institution, and devoted his entire time to the practice of law. For two terms, commencing in 1853, he was mayor of Wooster, and has been a member of the council for four years; he was also a justice of the peace six years, and filled all of the incumbencies with credit to himself and satisfaction of his constituents. He was appointed United States commissioner by the circuit courts of the United States, as recorded in the "Blue Book" at Washing-





ton, in 1848, which office he has continuously held through all political phases. For the past four or five years he has given his time and attention to the pension business. Politically he is a Democrat. He and his wife have been members of the Episcopal Church since 1864. On January 8, 1882, Mrs. Bonewitz was afflicted with a severe attack of nervous prostration, from which she was recovering until May, 1887, when she met with an accident, which deprived her partly of the use of her limbs; in all her affliction she is a patient, uncomplaining sufferer.

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**S**AMUEL SCHMUCK was born in Lancaster County, Penn., July 9, 1822, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hymiller) Schmuck. In 1832 his parents came to Wayne County, where the father died, aged seventy-three years. Samuel Schmuck was reared in Wayne County from the age of ten years, remaining with his parents and assisting in the cultivation of the farm until his marriage, in 1847, with Miss Sarah Geitgey, daughter of John Geitgey, who died, leaving one child, James Henry. This son died in 1880, aged thirty-two years, leaving a widow and two children. January 27, 1854, Mr. Schmuck married Mary Myers,

daughter of Daniel and Martha Myers. They have four children: David Edwin, Sara, Ida May and Annie Mary. In 1847 Mr. Schmuck settled on his present farm, which he has improved, and now has one of the pleasantest homes in Franklin Township. He has been a successful man, his prosperity being due to his untiring energy and good management. In politics Mr. Schmuck is a Republican. Mrs. Schmuck's father, Daniel Myers, was a native of Germany, born in 1814. At the age of seventeen years he came to the United States. He was on a sailing vessel three months, being in the meantime shipwrecked twice. He located in Pennsylvania, where he learned the cooper's trade. He married Martha (Deweese) Shively, and to them were born eight children, all of whom except one are living. They finally settled on a farm in Wayne County, Ohio, where both died.

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**D**AVID McDOWELL, son of John and Mary (Marshall) McDowell, natives of Washington County, Penn., was born December 5, 1820, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. His parents came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1819, and entered a tract of land (one quarter) in Sugar Creek Township, where



they lived and died. John McDowell built a saw and grist mill, which he conducted for many years. He voted first with the Whig and afterward with the Republican party, and held the office of justice of the peace for many years; he was also an elder in the Seceder Church. He died January 2, 1872, and his wife November 25, 1873. Their family consisted of eleven children, and of them the only ones now living are as follows: Elijah, in Indiana; Luther, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County; David; Sarah, wife of Sammel Anderson, of Dalton, Ohio, and Mary, wife of John Porter, residing near Fulton, Ohio.

David McDowell, whose name heads this sketch, received his education in the log schoolhouse of his day. In 1847 he married Mary Ann, daughter of Samuel Bell, of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, and they remained on the homestead until 1868, in which year he purchased his present farm of 200 acres, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock raising. Eight of his children are living, as follows: J. Marshall, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County; Samuel A., in Nebraska; Nathaniel C., in Sugar Creek Township; Gibson and Edwin, at home; Laura, now Mrs. Fred Ammann, of Orrville, Ohio; Violet, now Mrs. Clark Stuck, of Mount Eaton, Ohio, and Emma, now Mrs. Albert Arnold, in Sugar

Creek Township. Mr. McDowell is a Republican, and has held the office of school director. He and his family are members of the Dalton United Presbyterian Church.

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REV. JOHN K. YODER, bishop of the Amish Mennonite Church, lives on Section 22, in Green Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, his postoffice address being Orrville, Ohio. He comes of a family who have been residents of this country since before the Revolutionary War. His grandfather, who was brought to this country by his parents when quite young, was the oldest of the family, and to help his parents and pay for his passage he was bound out to a farmer in Berks County, Penn., serving until he was twenty-one years of age. He married Magdalena Yoder, who, although of the same name, was not a relative, and afterward removed to Mifflin County, Penn., where he died. His wife survived him many years, reaching an advanced age, and her descendants at the time of her death numbered nearly 200. Their children were three sons and five daughters, none of whom are now living.

The father of John K. Yoder, also named John, the eldest of this family,





was born in Mifflin County, Penn., in 1786, and died in the house of our subject in 1855, in his seventieth year. He was a farmer in Pennsylvania, but retired from active life a few years before coming to Ohio, to spend the remaining years of his life with his son. He was married to Mary King, a native of Berks, but reared in Mifflin County, Penn. She was born in 1790, and died in 1866, in her seventy-seventh year, having survived her husband eleven years. John Yoder had always borne the character of an upright and honest man, a useful member of the Amish Mennonite Church, and of the community in which he lived. He and his wife were the parents of four children: Jacob, who was married to Annie Yoder, removed from Pennsylvania to Mahoning County, Ohio, and from there to Michigan, where he died, his wife dying in Missouri; Magdalena is the widow of John Plank, who removed first to Logan County, Ohio, and thence to Michigan, where he died, and where his widow yet lives; Christian K. is married to Catherine Plank, and is a farmer and a minister of the Amish Mennonite Church of Logan County, Ohio; John K., who was the third in order of birth, was born in Mifflin County, Penn., January 21, 1824. He was brought up on the farm, and lived with his parents until after his marriage,

when he removed to another farm in the same county. There he lived for ten years, until 1855, when he removed to Ohio, buying the farm which has ever since been his home. May 5, 1850, while still in Pennsylvania, Mr. Yoder was selected by lot as a minister of his church. He discharged his duties with such zeal and fidelity that in October, 1859, he was elected by ballot by the congregation to the high and holy office of bishop of the church, having oversight of the churches of the district, and also preaching regularly. In Mifflin County, Penn., on January 9, 1845, Mr. Yoder was married to Lydia Zook, who was born there March 18, 1827, and died at their Ohio home September 20, 1887, after a long and serious illness, which she bore with the patience and resignation of a Christian, hoping for immortality. She was a faithful wife and devoted mother, and discharged with fidelity her duties in all the relations of life. She passed from this life to the reward which awaits those who faithfully believe in Him "who doeth all things well." Mr. and Mrs. Yoder were the parents of three children who lived beyond infancy. They are Christian Z., of whom further mention is made below; Mary Z., deceased, who was the wife of Jacob N. Yoder, of Green Township, and David Z., married to Mary Ann Smiley, a farmer in the same township.



The Oak Grove Amish Menmonite Church, for which Mr. Yoder has preached so long, is the first of the denomination organized in this part of the country. At first services were held in private houses, the present church edifice being built in 1862. It has now a membership of between 400 and 500, which is about the seating capacity of the audience room, which is 43x55, with two rooms attached which can be used as an addition. Sunday-school services are held every other Sunday, the alternate Sundays being devoted to the Sunday-school of Pleasant Hill Church, in the adjoining town of Milton. The services of Mr. Yoder have been very acceptable and of great benefit to the people under his spiritual charge. We are pleased to record this tribute to the worth of one whose life for many years has been spent in the service of the Master, and whose walk and conversation have ever been blameless and worthy of praise.

Christian Z. Yoder, the eldest son, was born in Mifflin County, Penn., November 28, 1845, and was therefore in his tenth year when his parents came to Ohio. He has followed farming all his lifetime. He was married in October, 1868, to Lydia, daughter of John and Mary Smiley. She was born in Elkhart County, Ind., December 5, 1846, and came with her parents to Wayne County

in 1867. They settled on a farm adjoining Mrs. Smiley's home, and there her father died, and there her mother yet lives. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder are the parents of eight children, all yet under the parental roof. They are named John Smiley, David Amasa, Rufus Melvin, Menno Simon, Ora Christian, Mary Emma, Joseph Daniel, and an infant yet unnamed. Since the organization of the Sunday-school attached to the Oak Grove Church Mr. Yoder has been, with the exception of one term, its superintendent, and has taken a very warm interest in its affairs, and has been unceasing in his efforts for its advancement and for the religious growth of its attendants. To him much credit is due for the flourishing condition of the school. Its attendance at times is as high as 300, averaging about 250, and never, recently, has fallen as low as 200, a truly gratifying reward to all who have labored in the cause.

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EUGENE GROSJEAN, son of John P. and Frances Grosjean, was born in Switzerland, in 1824. His parents immigrated to America in 1833, and located in Paint Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where they were engaged in farming. Their family consisted of



ten children: Frances, Frederick, Ferdinand, Ellen, Mary, Sophia, Julia, Eugene, and two that died in infancy. Of these, Frances married Jacob Soyer, and died in Wayne County; Frederick is a resident of France; Ferdinand located in Indiana, where he died; Ellen died at the age of nineteen years; Mary married A. Flory, removed to Indiana, and is now deceased; Sophia is now Mrs. Vol Steinmetz, of Coshocton County, Ohio; Julia was the late Mrs. John Webber, of Indiana.

Eugene was reared in Wayne County, and in 1849 married Eugenie, daughter of Charles E. Grosjean. He located in Paint Township, Wayne County, where he remained until 1854, when he came to Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, and purchased a farm, which he disposed of, and in 1861 bought the property he now owns. Here he and his wife reared a family of eight children: Albert, Julia, Mary, Charles, Louis, Sophia, Eugene A. and Ellen. Of these, Albert married Ellen, daughter of William Sauers, and is a farmer in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, near Maysville; Julia is now Mrs. Merian Winn, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mary is Mrs. John Mackey, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County; Charles is at present a resident of San Francisco, Cal.; Louis is married to Elizabeth Leper, and settled in Holmes County; Sophia died when a child of nine

years of age; Eugene A. is a resident of San Francisco, Cal., and Ellen remains at home. Mr. and Mrs. Grosjean are members of the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Democrat. His life may fairly be said to have been a success, and he is justly recognized as one of the able, representative men of the township.

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**M**L. SMYSER. Among the best known and popular citizens of Wayne County is the subject of this sketch, although yet but a young man. He was born in Wayne County, Ohio, April 3, 1851. His father, Emanuel Smyser, who was of German extraction, and spent his life as a farmer, came to Wayne County in 1832, from York County, Penn., and in 1875 he passed from earth. He married Catherine Albert, who bore him eight children, of whom seven still live, six in Wayne County and one in Detroit, Mich. He was an active Republican, and held the offices of assessor and township trustee.

M. L. Smyser, the subject of this biographical memoir, spent his early life upon the farm until fourteen years of age, when he was sent to Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1870. Returning to his





native county, he began reading law in the office of Lyman R. Critchfield, and in April, 1872, he was admitted to the bar at Columbus, by the supreme court of Ohio, and immediately opened an office in Wooster. In the fall of 1872 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Wayne County; in 1873 he formed a partnership with Capt. A. S. McClure, which partnership still continues. He has always been a staunch Republican; in 1884 he was an alternate delegate to the Chicago Republican Convention; in 1888 he was sent as a regular delegate, and the same year received the nomination for Congressman in the Twentieth District, and was elected to the LIst Congress by 2,000 majority. In 1881 Mr. Smyser was united in marriage with Miss Alice A. France, daughter of J. B. and Amy France, and a native of Wayne County, of which her father had formerly been sheriff. She is a graduate of the Delaware Female College.

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**D**R. JOHN A. GANN was born at Waterford, N. Y., in 1848. His father, James J. Gann, was by birth an Englishman, and came to America in 1847. The paternal grandfather also came to America, the grandmother having died in Europe. The father of

our subject was by trade a miller, which he learned in England. Before starting to America he was wedded to Elizabeth Adams, and together they came to the New World. In 1861, at Monroeville, Ohio, where they had settled, the father passed to his last sleep. Of their wedded life only two children were born, John A. and Lizzie (Mrs. Durbin Metz, of Wooster, Ohio).

At fourteen years of age the subject of this biographical memoir left the common schools which he had been attending, and engaged as a clerk, in which capacity he continued four years, and then entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he graduated in 1871. He then became superintendent of the public schools at Shelby, Ohio, and remained four years, when he turned his attention to the study of medicine at Cleveland Homœopathic Medical College, graduating from there in 1877. He practiced a short time in Berea, and then came in March, 1877, to Wooster, where he has since made his home. In 1884 the doctor was united in marriage with Anna Metz, daughter of Jacob and Susan Metz, and a native of Wooster, Ohio, where she graduated from the high school in 1876. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Dr. Gann is president of the State Medical Society



and lecturer on physiology at the Cleveland Homœopathic College; is a member of the Odd Fellows order, Independent Order of Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum and Chosen Friends. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wooster. His home is on North Market Street, where his aged mother resides with him.

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**S**IDNEY J. FRYER, son of William and Elizabeth Fryer, was born in 1862, in Scott Township, Allegheny Co., Penn., where he received the chief portion of his education. His father died in 1868, and his mother in 1874, when he was but twelve years of age, leaving him heir to a fine estate, and practically the arbiter of his own destiny. There were two others in his parents' family besides himself: William, who resides on the old homestead, and Jonathan, now deceased. The grandfather, William Fryer, who was a native American, and pioneer of Western Pennsylvania, purchased the old Bower Hill farm at a very early time, and here lived until his death, which occurred in his ninetieth year. This farm was prominent as being the battle-field during the "whisky in-

surrection," and there is to be found an old still-house yet standing. This was heavily undermined with coal, which the subject of this sketch sold, retaining the farm. With the proceeds of the sale of coal he purchased two large farms in Clinton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, one of 137 acres, and one of 111. In 1884 he married Laura Hastings, of Holmes County, Ohio, and settled on the farm where he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Fryer are members of the Methodist Church. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

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**W**ILLIAM J. LANCE is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hoffstatter) Lance, and was born in Milton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, December 16, 1834. Christopher Lance, his grandfather, a native of Germany, married in New Jersey, where Henry Lance was born, and afterward settled in Jefferson County, Ohio. In 1819 Henry and James Lance came to Wayne County, Ohio, and entered a tract of land in Milton Township, where they engaged in farming, and in connection operated a distillery. Henry Lance married for his first wife Lucy Lee, and by her had five





children, three of whom are living: Christopher, Catherine (widow of Isaac Weldy), Jane (widow of Henry Zeigler), all in Milton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. By his second wife, *nec* Elizabeth Hoffstatter, he had children, as follows: William J.; John and Abraham, in Milton Township, Wayne Co.; Elizabeth, wife of Allen Walker, in Michigan, and Teressa, wife of Isaac Crossman, also in Michigan. Henry Lance died April 21, 1862.

William J. Lance, our subject, was educated in the schools of his township, and has always followed farming, having lived on his present farm in Milton Township since 1864. In 1862 he married Miss Clara M., daughter of Daniel Johnson, of Milton Township, Wayne County, and she died in 1884, leaving seven children, one of whom has since died. Those now living are Alfred D., married to Miss Hannah Chatman, and residing in Michigan; Edwin R., married to Sarah, daughter of Johnston Swagler, and residing in Milton Township; Medwin H., Winfred, Daniel Dewitt and Viva Mabel, all at home. Mr. Lance took for his second wife Mrs. Annie Swagler, widow of Jonathan Swagler. He has since served as constable for one year, trustee for five years, also school director, supervisor, etc. He is a member of Sterling Lodge No. 1818, Royal Arcanum, and is a trustee and deacon in the Baptist Church.

**A**NTHONY WRIGHT. This respected citizen of Wayne County was born in Loudoun County, Va., June 26, 1815. His father, also named Anthony, was of English extraction, and died in 1818, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a member of the society of Friends, or Quakers, and was married to Elizabeth Harper, also a native of Virginia, who died in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1864, aged eighty-eight years.

John Harper, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a patriot soldier during the Revolution, and died in Virginia about the year 1828; his widow came to Wayne County, where she died about 1843.

The subject of these lines had but limited opportunities for education, and when eighteen years old was apprenticed to learn the trade of brick-laying. When about twenty years of age he came to Wayne County, and for a time worked in different places as a clerk. In 1850 he removed to St. Louis, where for three years he was engaged in the banking business, returning to Wooster in 1853. Two years later (in 1855) he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Walter, and a native of Berkeley County, now a part of West Virginia. When she was two years old her parents came to Wooster, where they passed the remainder of their days. Her father was a German





*Anthony Wright*



by extraction, and was born on the high seas. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had two children, twins, one of whom died unnamed; the other, Sarah Elizabeth, is the wife of J. M. Quinby, of Wooster. The mother of these children died in 1881, aged fifty-six years.

Anthony Wright was by inheritance a slave-owner, but upon leaving Virginia set his one slave free, telling him he was a free man. The law of Virginia at that time said that any person desiring to manumit a slave must give security for his good behavior. Not being of age he could not do this, but his slave lived and died a free man, nevertheless.

Mr. Wright is in politics a Republican, and has been elected to various positions of trust in the county. He has been county treasurer, was mayor of the village of Wooster previous to its becoming a city, and has several times been a member of the council. He is a member of the K. of P., and for forty-two years has been prominently identified with the I. O. O. F., having held offices in that body which, taken singly, would aggregate over 100 years. He was for thirty years secretary of his lodge; for fifteen years treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, a position he still holds, and has been representative to the Grand Lodge a number of years, besides holding other positions in the order. His success in life is solely

due to his own efforts and to his business ability and tact, and his sterling character has caused him to be universally esteemed.

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**W**ILLIAM WILSON, son of James and Jane (Fife) Wilson, natives of Allegheny County, Penn., was born on the homestead in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, January 24, 1830. His parents came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1822, and settled on the farm now owned by their son William, which land was entered by William Wilson, the grandfather of our subject. James Wilson died in 1872, and his widow in 1874. Five children were born to this couple, viz.: John, who was murdered in Kansas; Isabella, who died in 1847; William; Mary, wife of John Weaver, of Richland County, Ohio; Sarah Jane, wife of Jonah Creits, of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Of these, William, whose name heads this sketch, attended the common schools, and has always followed farming in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County. In 1864 he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served one hundred days. In 1874 he married Miss Letitia, daughter





of Jonah Fife, of Columbiana County, Ohio, and they have one child, Emerson S., residing at home. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Republican party, and has served as school director, supervisor, etc., of the township. He and his wife are members of the Dalton Presbyterian Church.

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**A** M. OHL, grocer and dealer in hardware and queensware at Smithville, Ohio, is a native of Manchester, Summit Co., Ohio, born May 9, 1862. His grandparents on the paternal side, Henry and Susannah Ohl, came from Pennsylvania to Summit County at an early day, and were among the pioneers of that county, the men and women who reclaimed the land from the wilderness and helped to place Ohio in the proud rank she holds among the most prosperous and influential States in the Union. Henry Ohl was a resident of Summit County for more than sixty years, and died there at the age of eighty-two years; his wife, Susannah, also lived to an advanced age. With the single exception of his father all of Mr. Ohl's ancestors were long-lived people. On his maternal side his grandparents were also from Pennsylvania, and they too were of these sturdy pioneers

of Summit County, where both are yet living, each being ninety years of age. They had nine children, and had lived in Manchester more than fifty years, and had celebrated their golden wedding some years before a death had occurred in their family.

The father of A. M. Ohl, and who was named Solomon, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, August 26, 1828. After his marriage he moved to Manchester, where he lived the rest of his lifetime, dying January 19, 1869, when but forty years old. He was a carriage builder, and carried on that business in Manchester until his death. He was a man of strict religious principles, a member of the German Reformed Church, in which he was both deacon and elder. He was an honest and upright man, and had the respect of every one who knew him. Mrs. Ohl was born in Summit County, January, 13, 1832, and is still living in Manchester, and is now the wife of Jacob H. Myers, of that place. The only child of Solomon and Anna Ohl was the subject of this sketch. He was but five years old when his father died, and he continued to live with his mother until he was twenty-one. He learned and worked at many trades. First he tried blacksmithing, which he gave up to become a teacher of penmanship. He next tried painting in oils, and afterward house painting, then



butchering, and next kept a grocery. His next venture was in keeping a dry goods store in Orrville, this county, for more than a year; then sold out and moved to Smithville, April 1, 1888. There he has the largest and best stocked grocery and hardware store in the town, carrying a full stock of all goods in this line.

December 17, 1885, Mr. Ohl married Miss Mary J. Fike, daughter of George and Catharine Fike, of Greene Township, Wayne County. Mrs. Ohl was born in Wayne County, October 14, 1865. Mr. Ohl is an enterprising young man, of much push and energy and much versatility, who can turn his hand to almost anything and has always been successful. He bears an excellent reputation for honesty and trustworthiness as a business man and citizen.

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**D**ANIEL LANGELL is a son of Leonard and Catherine (Rhinehart) Langell, and was born July 9, 1832, on the homestead in East Union Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. Casper Langell, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Berks County, Penn., and a settler in Columbiana County, Ohio. He came to Wayne County about 1815, and purchased a one-half

section of land, which is now occupied by the town of Apple Creek. He was an active business man, and prominent in the interest of the Lutheran Church. He gave the land and helped to erect the Presbyterian Church of which he afterward became a member. Returning to Columbiana County, he there died. Leonard, his son, was born in Berks County, Penn., in 1800. He was brought to Columbiana County when three years of age, and came to Wayne County with his parents. He remained on the homestead for some years, but finally moved to another farm one mile southwest, where he died in 1859. In many ways he was a prominent man. He erected the first grist-mill in this portion of the county, which was afterward converted into a woolen factory. A Democrat in politics, he took an active interest in the affairs of the party. He was an elder in the Lutheran Church of Franklin Township for many years. His family consisted of five children: J. Casper was killed by a runaway team of horses in 1882; Susanna is also deceased; Elias lives in East Union Township; Henry lives in Franklin Township; and Daniel.

The subject of these lines was reared on the farm, and followed that occupation until failure of his health, in 1864, when he moved into Apple Creek. He was troubled with asthma, and in 1867 dis-





covered the medicine which he has since manufactured, and is now widely known as "Langell's Asthma and Catarrh Remedy." December 3, 1857, he became united in marriage with Miss Margaret, daughter of Andrew Sloan, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County. Six children have been born to them, as follows: Leonard, who died in 1884 at the age of twenty-four; Esther, Mrs. Frank S. Logan, of Ashland County, who has two children—Leonard and Grace; Charlotte Elizabeth, William Carl, Carrie Lavenia and John Truesdale, at home. Mr. Langell is a Democrat, and has held several township offices; at the present time he is notary public and mayor of the village of Apple Creek. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**A** F. MOWERY, M. D., was born in Chester Township, Wayne County, Ohio, in the year 1860, and is a son of David R. and Mary Ann (Churchman) Mowery, the former of whom was born January 8, 1828, also in Chester Township, Wayne County, and the latter near Wooster, November 2, 1828. They were married in 1840, and were blessed with four sons: William H., A. F., Irvin Q. and H. N. The parents of this family

are still living in Chester Township, engaged in agricultural pursuits. The subject of this biography attended the Northern Ohio Normal School at Smithville, and, graduating from there entered Ada Normal School, where he studied one year, taking courses in music and literary branches. From Ada he removed to Wooster University, in 1882, where he took a general scientific course for one year, after which he entered the office of Dr. Leander Firestone, with whom he studied medicine two years. The Doctor graduated from the medical department of Wooster University, at Cleveland, Ohio, March 16, 1886, and located at Reedsburgh, Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, May 18, 1886, and has since here successfully practiced medicine and surgery. The Doctor was married, November 29, 1888, to Miss Edna L. Mowery, of Reedsburgh, Ohio. In politics he is a Democrat. He attends the services of Grace Reformed Church.

**J**OHN A. DYER was born in Massachusetts, October 5, 1832. In 1853 he moved to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and engaged in milling, afterward acting as agent for the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad for thirteen years, when



he located at Creston, Wayne County, and embarked in the warehouse business, in which he continued until 1883. In 1882 the Creston Milling Company was organized and incorporated, with J. H. Freeman, president; W. B. Stebbins, treasurer, and John A. Dyer, secretary and general manager. The wife of Mr. Dyer was Emeline, daughter of S. S. Hastings, one of the early settlers of Medina County, Ohio. Mr. Dyer is a member of the Republican party, and was elected justice of the peace of Canaan Township, but after serving two years he resigned. He is a member of Cataract Lodge 295, I. O. O. F., of Newburgh, Ohio, and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dyer stands high in the estimation of the community in which he lives, and enjoys the confidence of the people.

**S**AMUEL HARRISON MILLER, manufacturer of agricultural implements, Doylestown, Ohio, was born in Northampton County, Penn., May 28, 1839, a son of John and Susan (Bauer) Miller, natives also of Northampton County, his father born November 15, 1802, and his mother born October 29, 1798. In May, 1843, his parents moved to Summit County, Ohio, and settled in

Norton Township, where his father still lives. His mother died March 7, 1886. They had a family of twelve children, eight of whom—three sons and five daughters—are still living. Samuel H. Miller was reared in Summit County, Ohio, and was given good educational advantages, attending the district schools, and later the Akron High School. He remained on the farm until twelve years of age, and then obtained employment as clerk in a dry goods store at Akron, which he followed six years, and in 1857 returned to the farm in Norton Township, where he remained about six years. December 15, 1863, he came to Doylestown, and for two years was employed as clerk by Cline, Seiberling & Hower, manufacturers of reapers and mowers. September 1, 1865, he became a member of the firm of Cline, Seiberling & Co., which was subsequently changed to Seiberling, Miller & Co. This is one of the largest manufacturing establishments of the kind in the county, and they employ a number of hands, and in connection with J. F. Seiberling & Co., of Akron, Ohio, have entire control of the manufacture of the Empire mowers, reapers and self-binders, which are sold in every State in the Union. Mr. Miller was married August 29, 1867, to Ella L. Schneider, who was born in Montgomery County, Penn., January 27, 1847, a daughter of Alfred and Clarissa (Clewell)



Schneider, both natives of Pennsylvania, her father of Montgomery County, born March 1, 1813, and her mother of Northampton County, born September 14, 1820. They moved to Norton Township, Summit Co., Ohio, in 1852, and still reside there. Of a family of seven children, six daughters are living.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had a family of eight children, of whom four—Alfred J., William R., Sydney L. and Lucile M.—are living. In politics Mr. Miller is a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, but is in no sense a politician or office seeker, the only public office he ever held being that of member of the Board of Education, and village treasurer. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, but is not a member of any religious denomination.

**S**OLOMON S. FIRESTONE is a representative of one of the most prominent families of Wayne County, Ohio. His parents were David and Elizabeth (Rice) Firestone, the latter being a daughter of Christian and Charlotte (Hine) Rice. The family of David Firestone consisted of eight children, viz.: Lydia, John, Rice, David R., Simon B., Solomon S., Jacob H. and Peter C. The fath-

er was a farmer, and at his death owned a valuable farm of 130 acres, which is now the property of his youngest son, Peter C. He was a representative citizen of Wayne County, but died before his fond hopes for its future were realized, his death occurring September 25, 1851, when in the prime of his vigorous manhood, being only forty-two years of age. He left a large family of children (the eldest, the only daughter, being but fifteen years old) in care of the devoted wife, who with the love of a faithful mother cared for the children and lived to see them all arrive to the years of majority, married and comfortably located on valuable farms of their own. The wife remained a widow, and died March 24, 1884, aged seventy-three years.

Solomon S. Firestone, the subject of our sketch, is a native of Wayne County, and in the common schools of the county of his birth received his early education, supplementing it by attending the academies at Hayesville, Smithville and Fredericksburgh. For twelve years he devoted the greater part of his time to school-teaching, and, by an economical use of his earnings and with what he inherited from his parents' estate, became the owner of 130 acres of valuable land, to which he now gives his attention, and, under his skillful management, it is becoming one of the best farms in his township. Mr.





Firestone is one of the respected citizens of Chester Township, and has served a number of years as justice of the peace, although he has no aspirations for political honors. He has been a faithful servant for his fellow-townsmen, who regard him with the esteem he justly merits. He was married in 1878 to Miss Alice McFadden, daughter of William McFadden, of Chester Township. To them have been born two children, John A. and Luther Z. Mr. and Mrs. Firestone are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

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**H**ENRY BAUM, one of the successful practical farmers of Wayne Township, is a native of Berks County, Penn., where he was born in 1823. He is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Van Reed) Baum, who were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living. Daniel Baum was a farmer in Berks County, and later in life engaged in merchandising. He was pronounced an honest and upright man by all who knew him. Henry Baum was educated in the public schools of his native county, and has followed the vocation of a farmer ever since he left his father's home. In 1846 he was married to Elizabeth Zacharias, daughter of

Daniel Zacharias, of Pennsylvania. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baum, as follows: Mandilla, William, Daniel, Charles (deceased), Henry, Maberry (deceased), Emma, Kate and Mary Sarah.

Mr. Henry Baum came to Wayne County in 1863, with his wife and family, and bought 160 acres of land in Wayne Township. He has since made several additional purchases, and now owns 179 acres of land. He once owned the farm now occupied by the Children's Home of Wayne County, which he sold to the county commissioners. Mr. Baum has been successful in business affairs, and is now the owner of as fine and comfortable a home as any farmer in Wayne Township. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics is a Democrat. He possesses the esteem and cordial goodwill of all who know him.

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**S**AMUEL SAURER was born in Switzerland, September 27, 1825, son of John and Elizabeth (Plucks) Saurer, who immigrated to America in 1828, being sixty days on the ocean. From New York they went to Cleveland, Ohio, and from there by wagon to Wayne County, where they located on a farm in



Sugar Creek Township, and there lived the remainder of their days. Samuel Saurer, the subject of this biographical memoir, was reared on this homestead, and was early put to hard work. His education was conducted in German, and he was unable to read or write English. In 1868 he purchased his present fine farm at Moscow, on the State road, where he has since resided. In 1849 he married Miss Gertrude Cooper, of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, and by this union there are four children, viz.: John, in Orrville, Ohio, married to Mary Graber; Josephine, now Mrs. John Lugenbuhl, of Dalton, Ohio; Ella, now Mrs. George Shultz, also of Dalton, and Minnie, now Mrs. Melvin Bechtel, of Orrville, Ohio. Mrs. Saurer died April 10, 1889. Mr. Saurer and family are members of the Orrville German Reformed Church; politically he is a Democrat.

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**A**LBERT McFADDEN was born about three miles east of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, December 3, 1817.

In the old log school-house, and by the old-fashioned tallow dips, his rudimentary education was received, and of such a primitive nature was it that he never saw the inside of a grammar or geography until he was seventeen years of age. As

Mr. Albert McFadden quaintly expresses himself, he was "born in a log cabin, rocked in a sugar trough, clad in linsey-woolsey, and schooled in the old log school-house." He was brought up entirely to farm life, and at the age of twenty-one began for himself on the old homestead.

When twenty-six he took to himself a life partner in the person of Sarah Notestine, only daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (Sumner) Notestine, of Canaan Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and to this union have been born three children, Nancy, Mary and Laura, the latter now Mrs. Newton P. Garrettson, of Topeka, Kas. About 1865 Mr. McFadden moved into the city of Wooster with his family, in order to have his daughters educated there, and after four years they returned to the farm. In the spring of 1881 he purchased his present pleasant home near Wooster, having retired from active life, and here in the bosom of his amiable family he has since dwelt. Mr. McFadden's success in life is due entirely to his assiduous application to work and untiring energy. When a young man he studied so closely that, in spite of the many obstacles he encountered in his efforts to obtain a good education, he made himself competent to fill the position of school-teacher. He was Wayne County's corresponding secretary of the Ohio Centennial Celebration, a position he filled







*Albert McGudden*



with eminent success, and he was also one of the commissioners.

Albert McFadden is the oldest pioneer member of the Lutheran Church at Wooster, except his wife, who became identified with it one year before he did, having joined in 1840. Politically he was originally an Abolitionist, and has since been a strong Republican, having voted for both of the Harrisons—in 1840 and 1888, respectively. He is a strong advocate of the temperance cause, though not a member of the Prohibition party. His mind has ever been as active as his body, and since passing the age of three score and ten he has learned to play the flute, not by any means the simplest of musical instruments. He was one of the organizers of the Pioneer Association, having written the first notice; was four years president of the same, and at present is corresponding secretary and treasurer. In his leisure hours Mr. McFadden has designed a genealogical tree, giving the family data for one hundred years back, by which we find that grandfather McFadden came to America in 1774, and that our subject's parents both died on the old homestead, the father in 1849, at the age of seventy-five years, the mother April 7, 1874, when ninety-six years old; she had lived on the homestead sixty years, and for over eighty years was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**S**AMUEL SNYDER was born in Washington County, Md., October 9, 1820, a son of Anthony and Rebecca (Newman) Snyder, who were natives of Franklin County, Penn. They moved from Washington County, Md., in 1836 to Stark County, Ohio, thence in 1844 to Knox County, Ohio, where the father died April 10, 1867, and the mother in March, 1875. They reared nine children, eight of whom are still living: Samuel; Daniel, in Allen County, Ind.; Elizabeth, unmarried, residing in Champaign County, Ohio; Rebecca, wife of Dr. Ayres, of Horner, Knox Co., Ohio; Jonathan, in Mount Liberty, Knox Co., Ohio; David C., in Kansas City, Mo.; and William B. and Franklin, in Knox County, Ohio.

Of these, Samuel was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of Stark County, Ohio. At an early age he learned the trade of a carriage maker, which occupation he has since followed. He has lived in West Lebanon since 1838, and in 1842 he established his present carriage manufacturing business. In 1841 Mr. Snyder married Miss Catherine, daughter of Robert Thompson, of Stark County, Ohio, and six children have been born to them, viz.: William H., of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County; Mary R., deceased wife of Eli Braden; Martha Jane and Francis, at home; Sarah E., wife





of Lewis Brenner, of Brookfield, Ohio; and Letitia C., wife of Jacob Eby, in Michigan. Mr. Snyder has always voted the Democratic ticket, and has served his township as school director for several years, and as justice of the peace since 1864.

**J**OHAN W. McVICKER was born February 2, 1816, in Bedford County, Penn., a son of David and Eve (Wortze) McVicker, former of whom was a native of Bedford County, Penn., and died in his sixty-first year; latter died at the age of seventy-four years, eleven months and twenty-two days, and is buried in the old cemetery grounds near Congress Village, in Wayne County, Ohio. John W., their son, can truthfully be classed among the old settlers of Wayne County, coming here as he did with his widowed mother October 14, 1832. They first resided in Chester Township, but in the following spring moved onto a farm near Congress Village, in Congress Township, where was quite a settlement of pioneers living in the primitive log cabins of the times, and enduring all the hardships and privations incidental to early life in the then comparative wilderness. At that time nearly all the land subject to entry had been taken

up, but large quantities of school land were still in the market. Here in the vicinity of Congress our subject grew to manhood, working on the farm throughout the year, with the exception of two or three months' schooling in winter time.

September 18, 1838, he was married to Miss Catherine Garver, daughter of David Garver, who beyond doubt was one of the first settlers of Wayne County, and in 1815 one of the pioneers of Congress Township. To Mr. and Mrs. McVicker were born the following-named children: Martha Jane, born May 9, 1839, died November 4, 1875; Sarah, born June 6, 1840, married Henry Houman, of Congress Township; Eve, born November 16, 1841, now the wife of Thomas Henderson, an old soldier and industrious blacksmith, living in West Salem, Ohio; Jasper, born January 16, 1842, married, and living four miles south of West Salem on a farm; Marion, born September 12, 1844, died August 4, 1845; Elizabeth Ann, born January 15, 1846, now the wife of Barton Ginter, and living on the old homestead, five miles south of West Salem, in Congress Township; William C., born March 27, 1847, died March 28, 1876; Catherine, born November 14, 1848, now the wife of William Rumbaugh, also living near West Salem; John, twin brother of Catherine, died September 19, 1858; Mary Ann, born March 17, 1851,





died May 16, 1873; Lydia, born March 16, 1853, died July 4, 1873; Jesse, born April 1, 1855, is married, and living on a farm in Medina County, Ohio; Harmon, born November 7, 1856, is married, and is at present the courteous and popular landlord of the McVicker Hotel, in West Salem (they had four children that died in infancy). Thus is to be found a large family reared and cared for, clothed and educated, and now industrious and useful citizens, all living in the immediate neighborhood of where they were born and brought up. The mother of this family died September 18, 1858, and in the fall of 1877 Mr. McVicker married Lavina Bitzer Lemon, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., born April 9, 1811, and who came to Ohio with her parents in 1836. She died January 20, 1887, in her seventy-sixth year.

Mr. John W. McVicker has by his frugality, industry and good management accumulated a handsome competency, and he is now owner of 500 acres of land, highly cultivated and well improved. For twenty years he was identified with the business interests of West Salem, and successfully conducted the hotel business of the place, erecting for that purpose a commodious and excellently appointed building, costing upward of \$5,000. Although retired from active life, Mr. McVicker is not an idler, and he

seems to retain all the keen vigor of his youth in business affairs, taking a deep interest in politics and the general topics of the day. He is a veterinary surgeon of excellent ability, and has successfully practiced since 1853, having performed many surgical operations of a very difficult nature; has never failed in removing tumor, curing ringbone or removing spavin. He is proprietor and manufacturer of the Green Mountain Liniment.

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JOHN VAN NOSTRAN. Among the most widely known and highly esteemed citizens of Wayne County ranks the subject of this sketch. He was born upon a farm in Wayne County, Ohio, September 14, 1847, and continued as a farmer boy until about twenty years of age, receiving the advantages of the common country schools until about nineteen, when for two summers he attended the academy at Smithville, Wayne County. The winters he spent in teaching, while fall and spring found him laboring by the month on the farm. In 1871 he determined to turn his attention to the study of law, in which direction, he felt, lay the field of his usefulness. Accordingly he entered the office of L. R. Critchfield, and for one year studiously applied himself to his



chosen work. But the path of a poor young lawyer is not strewn with roses, and, feeling himself financially in need of a change, he, in 1873, formed a partnership, under the name of Bowman & Van Nostran, in the insurance business in Wooster. This he continued until January 1, 1876, when he entered the county clerk's office as deputy clerk, and there remained until October, 1880, when he was elected clerk of the courts, to which, for efficient services, he was re-elected in 1883, retiring from said office in 1887. On October 20, 1880, he left the state of single blessedness and became one of the vast army of benedicts by marrying Miss Linda M. Atkins, daughter of David Atkins and a native of Wooster, Ohio, where her life has all been spent and where her parents still reside. Two children have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Nostran, viz.: Lillian Ruth, born December 20, 1881, and Ethel, born July 20, 1885. Politically Mr. Van Nostran is an active worker in the Democratic ranks, and has displayed such marked ability that he has been chosen repeatedly to represent his party; for three years he has been chairman of the County Democratic Committee; is also a member of the State Central Democratic Committee for the Twentieth Senatorial District. In the city council of the spring and summer of 1884 he was an active worker, ever firmly standing for his convictions, and often

fighting against overpowering opposition. His popularity was shown by his re-election, in the spring of 1888, as a member for the third term by the largest majority he had as yet received. He still continues a member of that honorable body, and doubtless will be therein retained as long as his ward needs an earnest and reliable representative. Mr. Van Nostran is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Knights of Honor and the Improved Order of Red Men. In the latter order he ranks as past great sachem of Ohio.

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**J** P. VAN NEST. Success in any of the pursuits of life usually challenges the world's admiration. It was the motto of the first Bonaparte that "nothing succeeds like success." It matters not whether in the profession of law or medicine, or in the theological domain, in the military or civil life, or mercantile pursuits, it is the one distinguishing and distinctive characteristic of all business transactions, and which, above all things, the world emphatically recognizes. The subject of this biography, while not a member of any of the acknowledged professions, has, nevertheless, in his sphere of labor and activity distinguished himself as an active, energetic business man,





and demonstrated the fact that to the man of merit belongs the full measure of success and worldly prosperity.

J. P. Van Nest, the subject of these lines, was born in Rowsburg, Ashland Co., Ohio, August 6, 1841. His father, John Van Nest, who is living to-day, was one of the early settlers in that section of Northern Ohio; has held many offices of public responsibility and trust, and is highly esteemed by all who know him for his business capacity, integrity, honesty and sound judgment. His son received the benefits of the ordinary country and village school education, of which facilities he availed himself, and these, combined with the practical supervisory tutorage of his father, developed him into a methodical, intelligent, successful man of business. His grandfather, John Van Nest, died in Millbrook, Ohio, in the fall of 1862, at the age of eighty-seven years, and is buried at Moorland, Wayne County; his wife, the grandmother of our subject, died at Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio, when seventy-five years old. The subject of this sketch was married October 3, 1861, to Miss Mary E. Gardner, of his native village, a lady of fine accomplishments, who bore him eight children, seven of whom are yet living, all at home except three. August 22, 1862, Mr. Van Nest, disregarding the Mosaic prerogative of one year's exclusion from military service,

after the union of wedlock, enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was soon thereafter promoted to orderly sergeant, and soon after the consolidation of the One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Regiments, November 27, 1864, was commissioned second lieutenant of Company D, and was with his regiments in all the vicissitudes of their numerous campaigns—during the long and perilous siege at Vicksburg, participating in the battles of Arkansas Post, Thompson's Hills, the storming of Fort Blakely, opposite the City of Mobile, etc., etc.

After his return from the army, in the summer of 1865, he engaged in the general insurance business, which vocation he persistently and lucratively pursues. During this period he has traveled about eleven years as special agent for two prominent fire insurance companies, and was recognized as one of the most courteous, industrious and efficient agents on the road. Having bestowed upon the subject the proper reflection and consideration, and having the fullest faith in the purity of the objects and beneficent results of all well-ordered secret societies, in the autumn of 1870 he resolved to identify himself in membership with some standard organization, which he did in



that year by uniting with Ashland Lodge, No. 151, F. & A. M., located at Ashland, Ohio. Upon his removal to Wooster, Ohio, he united with Ebenezer Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., and also joined Wooster Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M., Wooster Council, No. 13, R. & S. M., all of Wooster, Ohio, and Wooster Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, also of Wooster, Ohio, of all of which he is an active member. In September, 1877, he became a member of Irene Lodge, No. 64, K. of H., and soon thereafter united with Wayne Council, No. 13, Royal Arcanum, as a charter member. He occupied the chairs of regent and past regent, and was elected a representative to the Grand Council meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, in March, 1879. In 1879 he became a charter member of Ohio Council, No. 1, Order of Chosen Friends, located in Wooster, Ohio, and has the distinguished honor of being the first Chosen Friend in the State of Ohio. He has been a member of the Supreme Council ever since its organization, and at each session has been placed upon its most important committees, those of laws and supervision and finance and accounts. He has held the positions of supreme trustee two years, supreme warden two years, and supreme marshal six years, which position he still holds.

At the organization of the Supreme Sitting of the Order of the Iron Hall,

March 28, 1881, he was commissioned a deputy supreme justice, and on the evening of May 8, 1881, organized Local Branch No. 2 of that order in Wooster, with seventy-five charter members. He was also a member of the Supreme Sitting for a period of six years, during which time he held the offices of supreme watchman and chairman of the Board of Supreme Trustees. In September, 1881, he assisted in organizing Given Post, No. 133, G. A. R., of Wooster, Ohio, and was elected past post commander, and represented the post at the Department Encampment held in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 17 and 18, 1882. In the spring of 1879 he was chosen a member of the city council of Wooster, Ohio, for two years, and in 1881 was re-elected for a corresponding period, when he was unanimously elected president of the council, the duties of which responsible position he discharged with executive and parliamentary ability and skill. He served as chairman of the fire and finance committees and several others of commensurate importance. His present and permanent home is Wooster, Ohio, whither he removed in 1874. In politics he is a Democrat of the Jacksonian stripe, and has always taken an interest in all the campaigns since he has been a voter.

From what is above written it must be apparent that Mr. Van Nest is not only a





society man, a worthy, honorable and intelligent member of many of the most noble orders of the country, possessing the confidence to that extent of their bestowal of honors and dignities upon him, but a man of public enterprise, comprehensive and liberal views, exemplifying character, position and influence in the great, jostling thoroughfare of the world.

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**JOHN B. ODELL.** Lorenzo D. Odell was born in Adams County, Ohio, October 29, 1810. His father removing to Wayne County the ensuing year, he became a citizen of the county in infancy. The earlier years of his life were spent upon the farm and assisting his father in the mill. His opportunities for procuring an education were of a limited character, consisting chiefly in self-instruction in spare hours. When quite a boy he visited Michigan, and became associated with the corps of surveyors who were running off government lands, and with them he remained a period of six months. After his return, in the fall of 1829, he began teaching, an occupation he continued until 1832, and in 1833 he purchased a part of his father's farm, where he devoted himself to agriculture and surveying. Mr. Odell was justice of

the peace in 1836, and held the position for twelve years, being elected the last two terms without opposition. He acted in the capacity of county surveyor from 1847 to 1850, and was elected to the Legislature of the State of Ohio from Wayne County, serving in that honorable body two terms, from January 7, 1856, to January 2, 1860. He took an active part in the construction of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, and was instrumental in procuring the station at Big Prairie. Mr. Odell had been a member of the Baptist Church since 1841. He was married July 12, 1832, to Annie Gibbon, of Lycoming County, Penn., by whom he became the father of five children: Ophelia, deceased wife of Robert C. Jones, of Shreve; Tobias G., who married Martha J. Bell, and they are now residents of Lakeville, Holmes Co., Ohio; Therissa; Pemptos R., who married Mary Haslen (now deceased), and is now a resident of Richmond, Ind.; and John B., whose name heads this sketch. The father died April 6, 1883.

John B. Odell was reared and educated in the schools of the county, and has assumed general management of business affairs since the decease of his father, occupying the old homestead. He has been justice of the peace for the last twelve years, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Odell is a member of





the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and is prominent and enterprising in all local public matters.

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**O** K. GRIFFITH, banker and miller, Orrville, Ohio, comes of Welsh ancestors on his father's side, who immigrated to America at an early day, settling in York County, Penn., where the family lived for several generations. His grandfather, Joseph Griffith, was born in that county, living all of his lifetime on his birthplace, dying at the age of eighty-seven. He was a Quaker in religion. There his son, Mode, father of O. K., was born in 1805. He learned the trade of a plasterer, which became his lifelong occupation. He lived in his native county until 1839, when he removed to Indiana County, Penn., remaining there four years, when he went to Boiling Springs, Cumberland Co., Penn., where he and his wife both died, he at the age of seventy-seven, and she aged sixty-two. Mr. Griffith was an industrious man, of a remarkably upright and conscientious character, who regarded a promise as sacred; outspoken in the expression of his opinions; an ardent advocate of protective tariff, and an Abolitionist, when to be one was to be unpopular, and an agent for the "under-

ground railroad," who often helped runaway slaves. He was married in 1830 to Eliza Kaufman, a native of Boiling Springs, of a well-known family. One of her brothers, D. S. Kaufman, was for many years a Congressman from Texas, elected several times without opposition; another, Abram Kaufman, was a prominent minister of the Episcopal Church of Charleston, S. C., who was honored at his death by interment in the body of the church. Mode and Eliza Griffith were parents of ten children: D. S., who is now living in Colorado; William C., A. K. and Levi, in Lincoln, Neb.; O. K., our subject, and Jennie, at Boiling Springs, Penn.; four are deceased, viz.: Harriet, Benjamin, Joseph and an infant.

O. K. Griffith, the subject of this sketch, was born at Dillstown, York Co., Penn., April 28, 1831. Through the influence of his uncle from Texas, he secured a clerkship in the United States Treasury Department, which he held until a change of administration threw him out. He then stayed at home for awhile, and in 1853 came to Wayne County, where he had several acquaintances. Here for three years he worked at plastering in summer and taught school in winter, and in the winter of 1856-57 taught in Illinois, going to Kansas the following spring, and taking up some land there. In 1858 he returned to Wayne County, and getting





*O. K. Griffith*





married bought some timber land between Wooster and Smithville, which he cleared. On this place he lived until 1873, when he removed to Smithville, where he stayed for a year and a half. In October, 1874, he removed to Orrville and bought the Orrville Mill, in co-partnership with John Willaman. This firm existed until 1880, when new partners were taken into the concern, and the name changed to the Orrville Milling Company. Great improvements were at once begun, a fine new mill being built while the old one was running, and when the new mill was running the old one was moved into it. To-day the mill runs night and day, except Sundays, and has a daily capacity of 500 barrels. The mill is operated solely by Mr. Griffith, its product being all engaged beforehand, the flour having a high reputation. This result is due to its being located in a first-class wheat-raising section; to their having their own warehouses, and being able to select their wheat, and in an eminent degree to the able and careful management of Mr. Griffith. In addition to his milling business Mr. Griffith is engaged in banking, being president of the Orrville Banking Company, started by him and some other gentlemen, and of which he was and is the leading spirit. This is an individual liability bank, the stockholders each being responsible to the full

amount of their property, giving ample security to customers. During the War of the Rebellion Mr. Griffith enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

Mr. Griffith has been twice married; first in March, 1858, to Miss Jane Wasson, daughter of David and Margaret (Beale) Wasson, old settlers of Wayne Township, in this county, where she was born in 1836. To this union five children were born: Frank, who is married to Eva Blackmore, of Orrville, and is living on a large farm in Colorado, owned by his father; Mary and John, living with their father; Charles, who died in 1883, aged nineteen, and Alice, who died in childhood. The mother of this family died December 3, 1870. She was a woman of a rare Christian character, truly pious, a member of the Presbyterian Church. A faithful wife and devoted mother, her loss was sincerely mourned by her bereaved husband and children.

In March, 1874, Mr. Griffith was married to Mary, daughter of John and Nancy Heineman, of Wooster. She was born in Wayne County. The issue of this union was two children, one of whom, Edwin Fay, died in childhood; the other, Grace, is now (1888) eleven years of age. Mr. Griffith has never been an aspirant for public office, but was once elected justice of the peace, which office he gladly got



rid of by removing from the township. He is a member of the G. A. R., of the Knights of Honor, and of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, and a protective tariff man. A straightforward, enterprising and stirring man, Mr. Griffith is an important factor in the growth and prosperity of Orrville, and a central figure in the business circles. He is known as a thoroughly upright man and a valuable citizen.

CHRISTIAN M. BALMER is of German and Swiss extraction. His grandfather, Jacob Balmer, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., December 4, 1771. Late in life he removed to Cumberland County, Penn., where he died in 1836. His wife was Elizabeth Hanck, born in Lancaster County, November 23, 1780, and died in Cumberland County in 1865. Her father had emigrated from Switzerland at a very early day. They were the parents of eleven children, three of whom are now living: Samuel, in Dauphin County, Penn.; Lydia, wife of Daniel Graybill, of Akron, Ohio; and Levi, in Wood County, Ohio. Those deceased were named George, Jacob, Andrew, Christiana, Susan, John, Elizabeth and Daniel.

The father of Christian M. Balmer was also named Christian, and was born in Lancaster County, Penn., May 28, 1804, and was eight years old when his parents removed to Cumberland County. There he lived with his parents until his marriage, at the age of twenty-seven, when he moved to Shiremanstown, in the same county, working at his trade of carriage making until 1851, when he immigrated to Smithville, Ohio, where for a short time he worked at his trade, removing in the spring of 1852 to the farm where our subject now lives, which he previously purchased, and which comprised 133 acres. Here he lived until the marriage of Christian M., when he retired and removed to Smithville, where he died July 5, 1884. While living in Shiremanstown Mr. Balmer was licensed to preach, in 1844, by the Quarterly Conference of the United Brethren Church, and later joined the Annual Conference, by which he was also licensed. He preached for that church until the separation of the German and English branches in Ohio, when he united with the River Brethren, and preached for them until his death, his last sermon being delivered but two weeks before his demise, thus devoting the greater part of his life to the service of his Master. He was a man of truly religious principles, and lived up to all his professions; was scru-





pulously honest in all his dealings, cautious in his conversation, never speaking aught to the detriment of his neighbors, and much respected by all who knew him. He was married in September, 1833, to Annie, daughter of Christian and Barbara Musser, of York County, Penn., where she was born May 5, 1811. Her parents were old residents of that part of Pennsylvania, and the family is very numerous there yet. She died on the Wayne County farm, March 24, 1867. They had eight children: Christian M. was the first born; Elizabeth, who was twice married, is now wife of Gottlieb Bitser, and lives in Huron County, Ohio; Susan, widow of Joseph Musser, lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Annie, also twice wedded, is wife of Cyrus Stratton, of this county; Barbara died unmarried in March, 1865; Mary is wife of Daniel Stauffer, and lives in St. Joseph County, Mich.; Sarah Catherine is wife of Daniel Davidson, of Canaan Township, this county; and Esther S. is wife of W. S. Sage, of Huron County, Ohio, and she and her husband are both missionaries at Rotafunk, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Christian M. Balmer was born near Shiremanstown, Penn., October 5, 1834, and was in his seventeenth year when the family came to Ohio. He had helped his father in the shop during his boyhood, but on the removal to the farm he became

a farmer, and has followed that occupation ever since. He was married May 9, 1880, to Miss Matilda Oyler, daughter of John P. and Mary (Miller) Oyler. She was born in Lawrence Township, Stark Co., Ohio, June 17, 1852. Her parents were Pennsylvanians, the father born in Franklin County and the mother in Lancaster County. The mother died in April, 1888, and the father is now living in Canal Fulton, Stark County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Balmer have one child, Mary Etta. Christian M. Balmer and wife are members of the United Brethren Church, in which he has been a class leader, and he also holds a license as an exhorter in that denomination. He has the reputation of a strictly upright man, possessing many of the good traits of character of his estimable father, and rightly is held in esteem by his fellow-citizens.

J B. PINKERTON, superintendent of the Wayne County Children's Home, comes from a family whose name was known in America as early as the year 1700. Near that date eleven brothers, natives of the north of Scotland, left the land of their birth and settled in different parts of this country, and it is a known fact that all of this name now liv-





ing in the United States are descendants of these pioneers. Benjamin Pinkerton, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Franklin County, Penn., and was married to Catherine Hansel. Jacob, an only child, was born to this couple, and at the early age of nine was left an orphan by the death of both of his parents. When he was ten years old he was taken to Lancaster County, Penn., by relatives of his mother, and there grew to manhood. He followed farming and distilling in that county until 1837. In 1816 he had passed through the State of Ohio, and, being much attracted thereby, in 1837 settled in East Union Township, Wayne County. He was married to Elizabeth Stauffer, who became the mother of three children, their names being Reuben, Rudolph and Elizabeth. When he arrived in Wayne County Mr. Pinkerton purchased a farm, where he resided until his death, in 1881. Reuben, the eldest of the children, was born in 1816, and is now a resident of East Union Township. He was married to Susanna Brenner, daughter of Adam Brenner. Eight children were born to this union, of whom but four are now living: J. B., Elizabeth (Mrs. Hoffman), Delilah (Mrs. Liphart) and Catherine (the latter at home).

J. B. Pinkerton, our subject, the only son of Reuben and Susanna (Brenner) Pinkerton, was born in Lancaster Coun-

ty, Penn., and was six weeks old when his parents immigrated to Ohio. He was educated in the academy of Edinburgh and Fredericksburgh, and at Mount Union College, Ohio. He has made school-teaching and farming the businesses of his life. In 1862 Mr. Pinkerton enlisted in the One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Infantry, and was a soldier until the close of the war, in 1865. In the latter year he was married to Miss Rachel B. Carey, daughter of Stephen Carey, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County. Three children have been born of this union, as follows: Penola, now living, and William and Emma, deceased. In 1882 Mr. Pinkerton was appointed superintendent of the Wayne County Children's Home, which position he now holds. He is a courteous gentleman, reliable, and highly respected by all who know him. Mr. Pinkerton's family are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

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GEORGE H. KEPPEL was born in Chester County, Penn., July 11, 1845. His parents, who are still living in Chester County, Penn., are John and Barbara (Weaver) Keppel. Geo. H. was reared on the homestead farm, attending



the district schools, and when eighteen years old left home, and learned the carpenter's trade in Philadelphia, where he remained six years. In 1868 he came to Wayne County, Ohio, and worked at his trade in Wooster for about one year, then moved to New Pittsburgh, where he lived until 1875, in which year he moved to Apple Creek and established his present warehouse business. In 1875 Mr. Keppel was united in marriage with Miss Selaca E., daughter of Philip Spotts, of Reedsburgh. Mr. Keppel is a prominent member of the Democratic party. In 1887 he was elected the first mayor of the village of Apple Creek, and is also a notary public. He is a member of Ebenezer Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., of Wooster, and Wooster Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., also a charter member of Apple Creek Lodge No. 674, I. O. O. F.

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**D**ANIEL C. MARTIN was born in Cumberland County, Penn., April 17, 1826, and died May 3, 1889. He was a son of David and Elizabeth (Coble) Martin, the former of whom was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1795. The parents were married in February 1819, and had a family of six sons and three daughters, as follows: Sons—John,

Jacob and Levi, who died in infancy; Daniel C., our subject; David, who now lives in Stockton, Kas., and Abraham, who died in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. Daughters—Martha, who married John Irwin, now living in Dalton, Ohio; Elizabeth, who married David Miller, now living in Kansas, and Mary, who died in infancy. David Martin, the father of this family, moved from Cumberland County, Penn., to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1832, when Daniel C. was a six-year-old boy.

The subject of this biographical memoir attended the public schools in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, but when nineteen years of age he was disabled by hip disease. He then taught school for two years, and afterward entered mercantile business at Reedsburgh, Plain Township, Wayne County, continuing in the same six years, during which time he read and practiced law, being admitted to the bar of Wayne County in 1857. In 1853 Mr. Martin was elected a justice of the peace, which office he held three years; was also appointed notary public, holding that office at the time of his death. For ten years from 1876 Mr. Martin was a licensed minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. February 20, 1849, he was married to Cordelia Goudy, of Dalton, Ohio, who bore him four children, viz.: Clara, who married W. R.





McClellan, and now living in Urbana, Ohio; John, who married Isabella, daughter of Jacob Hess, living in Reedsburgh, Wayne County; Ida, who married George W. Obenour, of Plain Township, Wayne County, and Flora, who died when three years of age. The mother of this family died in 1865, and in February, 1884, Mr. Martin married Julia Fornshell, of Wooster, Ohio.

**J**AMES F. BRITON, son of Robert and Margaret (Finley) Briton, both natives of Ireland, former from near Londonderry, was born on "Deer Lick Farm," in Congress Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, November 7, 1826. Robert Briton immigrated to America in 1824, located in Congress Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and leased a farm on Section 9. He died February 14, 1827, and his widow then returned to her father's family, also residents of Congress Township, where she died March 2, 1874, at the age of seventy-four years.

James F., their son, received a common-school education, and at the early age of sixteen commenced school-teaching, which profession he followed successfully for some time. In 1850 he made an overland journey to California,

taking ninety-five days to reach Sacramento, arriving there July 24, that year. Locating in Campo Seco, Township No. 4, in Calaveras County, Cal., he remained there nine years, engaged in mining. Here he was elected a justice of the peace, and was foreign tax collector, and afterward he served as deputy sheriff. From California Mr. Briton moved, in 1859, to Chili, South America, where he was engaged in railroad building, remaining for a period of fifteen years. Then, after an absence of twenty-four years, in which he met with varied success, he returned to his old home in Wayne County.

Mr. Briton was united in marriage in 1874 with Miss Asenath Stanley, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Stanley, who were among the early pioneer settlers of Wayne County. Our subject and wife have two sons, Ernest A. and Charles G., and are comfortably surrounded with all home comforts in their residence at Deer Lick Farm. It may be mentioned that upon the breaking out of the war between Peru and Bolivia against Chili he returned to his old home in the latter country. This was in 1879. His sympathies were very naturally with the Chilian people and government. He remained there three years. During a term of thirteen months he was a successful manager of "The Guano Loading Com-



pany," of P. A. McKellar & Co., of Valparaiso, Chili. This was on the coast of Peru. Mr. McKellar frequently acts as American consul, and is a gentleman of wealth and character. Politically he is a Republican.

**N**ICHOLAS RUEGSEGGER was born in Switzerland, May 16, 1834, son of Nicholas Ruegsegger, who was born in 1785, at Rothenbach, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and married Elizabeth Forni, who died in 1831, leaving the following-named children: John, in Stark County, Ohio; Christian; Samuel, in Stark County; Frederick; Ulrich, in Paint Township; Annie; Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Olmstead, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio; Barbara, widow of Jacob Olmstead, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio; Susanna, wife of Christian Blasser, of Paint Township; Magdalene, and Margaret, wife of Joseph Krespach, of Paint Township. Christian, Frederick, Annie and Magdalene are now deceased. For his second wife Mr. Ruegsegger married Barbara Berger, by whom he had the following-named children: Nicholas, in Paint Township; Mary, deceased, and Rosana, wife of Alex. Meyers, of Isabella County, Mich. In 1835 the father,

with his large family of wife and twelve children, eleven by first marriage and one by second, immigrated to America, locating first in Stark County, Ohio, for six months, then settling in Paint Township, Wayne County. They were prominent members of the German Reformed Church. The father died in 1860, and the mother in 1870.

Nicholas Ruegsegger, whose name heads this sketch, came to Wayne County with his parents when a mere child, and was reared on the homestead, attending the township schools. He has always remained on the homestead, and followed farming. In 1861 he married Miss Lena, daughter of Samuel Graber, of Paint Township, Wayne County, and they have six children, as follows: Lucy Ann, wife of John J. Wefler, of Stark County, Ohio; Aaron W.; Clara R.; Ida L.; Elma L. and Cleveland Wilson. Nicholas Ruegsegger is a prominent Democrat, and has held the offices of trustee, supervisor, clerk of the school board, etc. He is an elder in and trustee of the German Reformed Church, and one of the building committee of the new church at Mt. Eaton.

Ulrich Ruegsegger, his brother, was born in Switzerland, June 19, 1828. In 1857 he married Catherine, daughter of Jacob Intermill, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and they have seven children living:





Frank, a telegraph operator at Dalton; Albert, in Colorado; Charles; Daniel; Mary, wife of Frederick Frederick, of Stark County, Ohio; Callie and Ella. Mr. Ruegsegger is an elder in the German Reformed Church.

**D**R. G. W. LITTELL is a son of William and Cynthia (Smith) Littell, of Beaver County, Penn., where he was born August 19, 1840. He came to Wayne County in 1857, and located at Jackson. Our subject was educated at the township schools of his native place and the Canaan Academy in Wayne County. He read medicine with Dr. J. H. Ruggles, of Creston, and graduated from the medical department of Wooster University in 1874. The Doctor practiced his profession at Creston about two years, and then established a drug store, which he conducted until 1886, and then for a time he was engaged in farming; he is now in the furniture and undertaking business.

In 1868 he married Mattie E., daughter of Robert and Mary Lusk, of Canaan Township, and they have two children, as follows: Miss Eva E., attending Wooster University, and Robert Willis, at home. In 1861 Dr. Littell enlisted in Company

K, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served as fife-major until 1864. He was postmaster at Creston from 1880 until 1885. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and leader of the choir. He is a member of Arthur Strong Post, No. 170, G. A. R.

**J**AMES H. SEIBERLING was born in Norton Township, Summit Co., Ohio, November 25, 1835, and is a son of Nathan and Catherine (Peter) Seiberling, natives of Lehigh County, Penn., and pioneers of Norton Township, Summit Co., Ohio, where the father, with the assistance of his sons, cleared and improved a farm, on which he still resides. Their family consisted of thirteen children (eleven of whom grew to maturity): Kittie A. (Mrs. Paul Wall), John F., James H. (our subject), Sarah (Mrs. Jacob Harter), Monroe, Mary (Mrs. Jonas Beavy), Eliza (Mrs. Sherman Banghman), Franklin, Charles, Septimus, Columbus, Milton and Gustavus. Subject's paternal grandfather was John F. Seiberling, a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, whose grandfather was one of the early pioneers of Pennsylvania.

James H. Seiberling, the subject of this memoir, was reared in his native town-





ship and county in Ohio, and assisted his father in clearing up the homestead, carrying on the farm and operating a saw-mill, and became himself operator of the mill, which he successfully conducted for five years. In the fall of 1863 he located in Doylestown, Wayne Co., Ohio, and was one of the hands in the shops of Cline, Seiberling & Co., two years. In 1865 he purchased an interest in the business, which was established by the above firm in 1860, and which, since 1865, has been carried on under the name of Seiberling, Miller & Co., Mr. Seiberling assuming the superintending of the works. The firm makes a specialty of reapers, mowers and binders, and their establishment is the leading manufacturing industry in Wayne County, and a valuable acquisition to the business interests of Doylestown, to which the town is largely indebted for its present prosperity.

In 1860 Mr. Seiberling married Elizabeth, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Blocher) Baughman, of Norton, Ohio, and by her had six children, as follows: Allen B. (deceased), Mattie J., Albert F., Olive M. (deceased), Robert W., and George W. (deceased). Mr. Seiberling is one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens of Doylestown, and has always taken an active part in public affairs which tend to promote the welfare of the town. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order. Politically

he has always been an ardent Republican. He is an active member of the Lutheran Church.

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**A**BRAM HUFFMAN HUNT, M. D., one of the well-known and prosperous physicians of Wooster, Ohio, was born in Flemington, N. J., December 8, 1838, of English and Dutch extraction. He is a son of Amos V. and Susan Hunt, former of whom died July 31, 1884, latter October 12, 1881. Obediah Hunt, the maternal great-grandfather of our subject, was a commissary in the War of the Revolution; the maternal grandmother died in New Jersey, at the age of one hundred and one years.

The subject of this biographical memoir was educated at the high school of his native town, and studied medicine in the office of Dr. T. H. Baker, of Wooster, Ohio, at the University of Buffalo and at Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., graduating in 1862. He first located at Wooster, Ohio, where, in 1863, he entered the service of the United States Army, having been commissioned assistant surgeon of the Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. At Mount Sterling, Ky., June 8, 1864, the Doctor was taken prisoner by John Morgan, but released



the following day. He was with Stoneman and Burbridge in the East Tennessee and West Virginia raids; was present at the attack on Saltville, W. Va., and volunteered to remain with the wounded; was taken prisoner and taken to Libby prison. The doctor was honorably discharged from the army March 28, 1865, and transferred by special order of the War Department of date March 20, 1865, to the United States Navy, as acting assistant surgeon; then was ordered to the United States steamer "Mound City" under Rear Admiral S. P. Lee, of the Mississippi squadron. Resigning August 18, 1865, he received his discharge from the navy in August, 1865. He then located at Fort Wayne, Ind., and entered into partnership with Dr. Woodworth in the practice of medicine. In 1866 he removed to Blachleyville, Wayne Co., Ohio. In 1874 he renewed his partnership with Dr. Woodworth, of Fort Wayne, where he resided two years. In the organization of the Fort Wayne Medical College the Doctor was appointed adjunct professor of the theory and practice of medicine. After spending one winter in Tampa, Fla., he returned to Wayne County, Ohio, locating in Shreve in 1877, and finally in Wooster in 1879.

In 1866 Dr. Hunt married Abigail, daughter of Dr. Blachley, of Wayne County, and two children have come to

bless their union, named, respectively, Anna E. and Ethel, both at present at home. The pleasant home of this highly respected family was purchased by the Doctor on his finally settling in Wooster in 1879. He is a member of the K. of H., R. A., G. A. R. and K. O. T. M. Politically the doctor is a Republican. He is a member of the Disciples Church.

**H**ARRY McCLARREN. Prominent among the highly esteemed citizens of Wayne County is Mr. Harry McClarren, who in his social and public life has proven himself in all respects worthy of the good name he bears. He was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in the year 1840, and his early life was one common to boys brought up on the farm, his education being obtained at the common schools of those early days. He is a son of James and Jane (Curry) McClarren, former of whom died in Wooster, Ohio, in 1883, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. He had made Wooster his home since 1855; his widow, now in her eightieth year, is calmly awaiting the final summons to the great reunion.

At seventeen years of age the subject of this memoir left home and became





a clerk in a grocery store in Wooster, Ohio, thus continuing for three years, and then went to Pittsburgh, Penn., where he completed a business course at the Iron City Business College, receiving his diploma in 1860. He then returned to Wooster and engaged for a time in the hardware trade with R. R. Donnelly. April 17, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a company known as "Col. Bayley's Company," and went at once to the front, in time to participate in one of the first battles of the war, at Phillippi, W. Va. On the 8th of August, 1861, his term of enlistment having expired, he was discharged and returned to Wooster. October 5, the same year, he re-enlisted in Company H, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was appointed second sergeant. He served his country until his discharge, October 31, 1864. At Chickasaw Bayou he was wounded by a piece of shell above the knee, and he passed through the Vicksburg campaign, participating in the retreat from Cumberland Gap. Returning to Wooster, he engaged in the grocery trade, in which he has since continued, having built up a large and prosperous wholesale and retail trade. Politically Mr. McClarren has always been a staunch Republican, and a man of such extensive popularity that he has been repeatedly chosen to various positions in

a county whose plurality has always been Democratic. In 1883 he was elected county treasurer, and, having filled the office with satisfaction to all, he was re-elected to the position in 1885, serving until September 1, 1888.

On August 12, 1868, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Funk, daughter of Samuel Funk, and born in Chester Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. She is a lady highly esteemed, a prominent member of the Ladies' Relief Corps and the Baptist Church. To our subject and wife have been born seven children, all of whom still surround the hearth-stone at home. Mr. McClarren is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the G. A. R., Knights of Honor and Improved Order of Red Men.

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**D**R. DAVID HAWK was born in East Union Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, July 28, 1845, and is a son of Michael and Sarah (Bechtel, *nee* Rhodes) Hawk, the latter of whom was the widow of Jacob Bechtel. His father, who was a native of Cumberland County, Penn., became one of the earliest settlers of Wooster, Ohio. Afterward he purchased a farm in East Union Township, Wayne County, where he lived for many years, and finally he moved to Smithville,



Wayne County, where he died in 1876; his wife, the mother of David, and who was also a native of Cumberland County, Penn., died in 1847. For his second wife Mr. Hawk married Martha, widow of Henry Baughman, of Smithville, Ohio, who died about 1856. By his first wife Michael Hawk had children as follows: David and Lovina, wife of William Chaffin, of East Union Township, Wayne County; and by his second marriage one child, Harriet, wife of Joseph C. Walter, of Alpine, Morrow Co., Oreg. Michael Hawk was a member of what was known as the River Brethren Church.

David Hawk, whose name heads this sketch, was reared on the farm, and attended the district schools. He lived in Fredericksburgh, Wayne County, for several years, where he learned the milling business. In 1867 he moved into Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, where he has since resided. He was always known as one of the leading horsemen, and, deciding to qualify himself for a veterinary surgeon, he studied, in 1882-83, in the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, Canada, and has since practiced that profession successfully in Sugar Creek Township. In 1865 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Harriet, daughter of Nathaniel Harbaugh, of Wooster Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and by her has three children: Charles

F., in Cleveland, Ohio, married to Annie, daughter of C. R. Beckley, of Orrville, Ohio, and William W. and Laura O., at home. Dr. Hawk served through the late war in Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He is an adherent of the Democratic party, and is now serving as school director of West Moscow, Sugar Creek Township. He is a member of Wayne Post, No. 296, G. A. R., of Orrville, Ohio, and is now serving his post as surgeon.

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**S**YLVESTER F. SCOVEL, president of the University of Wooster, Ohio, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, December 29, 1835. Sylvester Scovel, his father, was born of pious parents, in the State of Connecticut, March 3, 1796, and at the age of thirteen was converted. In 1812 he went to Albany, N. Y., where for twelve months he was employed by a merchant. In 1818 he entered Williams College, Mass., where he graduated in 1822. After a theological course in Princeton he was pastor at Woodbury, N. J. In 1829 he married Miss Hannah C. Matlack, daughter of James Matlack, and removed to Ohio. From 1836 he was general agent of domestic missions. In





1846 he became president of Hanover College, Indiana. He died July 4, 1849.

Sylvester F. Scovel, the subject of this memoir, graduated from Hanover (Ind.) College in the class of 1853, and from the New Albany Theological Seminary in 1857. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Albany, and ordained by the same Presbytery October 28, 1857. From the latter year until December, 1860, he served as pastor of the Jeffersonville (Ind.) Church, and from 1860 until January, 1866, at Springfield, Ohio. In 1866 he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Penn., where he remained until October 1, 1883, when, having accepted in August of that year the presidency of the University of Wooster, he resigned and came to Wooster, where he is now residing. Not only does Mr. Scovel stand high as a teacher and a lecturer, but as a preacher he is eloquent, earnest and convincing, and has been the means of bringing many to a change of heart. He is a public-spirited and useful citizen, interested in every worthy movement for the good or advancement of his county. He taught the junior Hebrew class in the Western Theological Seminary, two years; was a member of the Presbyterian General Council which met in Philadelphia in 1880, and read a paper on "Presbyterianism in Relation to Civil and Religious Liberty." In October,

1857, Mr. Scovel married Miss Caroline Woodruff.

Mrs. Caroline (Woodruff) Scovel, wife of Sylvester F. Scovel, was born February 10, 1837, in New Albany, Ind., of parents descended from Revolutionary antecedents. Having finished the course of a well-appointed female seminary, under the care of Mr. John B. Anderson, now of Manhattan, Kas., she was married to Mr. Scovel on the 6th of October, 1857. The eldest of their five children, Minor Scovel, married to Miss Ida Sevier Payne, is a civil engineer at Nashville; the second, Charles W., married to Miss Sarah Butler, is a lawyer at Pittsburgh, Penn.; the third, Amelia, is the wife of Mr. Walter J. Mullins, of Wooster, Ohio; the two remaining, Henry S. and Elizabeth Denny, are in the course of education. Mrs. Scovel has been active in temperance and mission work, as well as faithful to the duties incident to the work to which her husband has been called.

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JACOB HESS was born in Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio, September 23, 1832, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Hutcheson) Hess, former of whom was born August 2, 1802, in Fayette County, Penn. They were married March 9, 1826,





and were blessed with one son, Jacob, our subject, and three daughters, viz.: Rebecca, born September 23, 1827; Margaret, born October 9, 1829, and Mary, born September 23, 1832, she being a twin of Jacob, all now living. The father of this family moved to Wayne County, Ohio, about 1825, locating one mile east of Smithville, in Greene Township, where he carried on blacksmithing and farming for the remainder of his life. He died May 13, 1866, and is buried at Smithville. Of his family, Rebecca married, in 1845, Levi Brenizer, of Smithville, Ohio, where they settled, and he carries on a cabinet making business.

Jacob (the subject proper of this sketch) was married February 11, 1855, to Eliza A. Smyser, of Reedsburgh, Ohio, and they have had two sons and two daughters, viz.: Vinton, born January 31, 1857, and died in the second year of his age; John, born July 30, 1859, married to Mary E. Kahl February 1, 1883 (she died December 16, 1883; he, May 13, 1885); Isabella married John Martin, and died May 6, 1889, leaving two children, Clark and Jay, aged six and three years; Mary Jane, who was born January 28, 1861, was married February 24, 1881, to Treadwell Rouch, of Plain Township, where they reside (they have no children). Mr. Hess has for the greater part of his life followed agricultural pursuits, and

has always lived in Wayne County. He was elected in the fall of 1857, on the Democratic ticket, by a majority of 511, to the office of county commissioner, which position he is now filling for a term of three years. He and his family are consistent members of the Lutheran Church at Reedsburgh, Ohio.

JACOB LEATHERMAN, the eldest son of Peter and Elizabeth Leatherman, was born in Washington County, Penn., July 17, 1820. His father immigrated to Ohio April 20, 1828, and located eight miles east of New Philadelphia, in Tuscarawas County, where he entered Government land at Congress price; he also entered a quarter section of land in Congress Township, Wayne County, in 1814 or 1815. Peter Leatherman became the owner of and improved several fine farms in Tuscarawas County. Here he reared and educated a large family, having had fourteen children, of whom ten grew to manhood and womanhood. He died at an advanced age, respected and loved by all who knew him. Elizabeth, mother of Jacob Leatherman, died in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in about her fifty-third year. Jacob Leatherman became a citizen of Congress Township,



Wayne County, March 26, 1842, and located on the southwest quarter of Section 35, which land was entered by his father many years before. Here he lived and struggled along for sixteen years, undergoing many hardships and privations; but by dint of hard labor and unceasing efforts he succeeded in making and improving an excellent farm and home.

On January 14, 1841, Mr. Leatherman was united in marriage with Miss Urith Sherrod, the daughter of Richard Sherrod, who was one of the earliest pioneers of Carroll County, Ohio, and died many years ago. Mr. Leatherman left his home farm and went to Congress Village, where he embarked in mercantile business, which he carried on for about six years, when he located in West Salem, Wayne County, and continued in trade until 1870, in which year he sold out and engaged in the banking business. Since coming to West Salem Mr. Leatherman has at all times been strictly identified with the business, educational and social interests of the town, being chiefly instrumental in securing the erection of the elegant and commodious graded school building, which offers a splendid opportunity to all, rich or poor, high or low, in obtaining a practical education with which to commence the battle of life. He is still actively engaged in the banking business and

management of his farm. Having no children to succeed him, he feels the necessity of personal supervision of his varied business interests.

That Mr. Leatherman is an honorable, successful and progressive citizen all are free to admit, as his works and efforts prove. He has filled various and numerous positions of trust in both township and village with credit to himself and satisfaction of his constituents. Politically he is a Democrat, and is in favor of local option laws. Mr. Leatherman has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church thirty-five years. He was instrumental in founding a free library, which is under the control of the members of the Methodist Church, and is called the Urith Leatherman Library, in honor of Mrs. Leatherman. He was one of the most liberal contributors toward the building of the beautiful Methodist church in West Salem, and in all matters of interest for his church or the good of the community he is one of the foremost workers.

FLORIAN SCHAFFTER is a son of Abraham L. and Sophia (Sanvain) Schaffter, natives of Switzerland, who immigrated to America in 1858. They first rented a farm in Stark County, Ohio, remaining there seven years, and





then purchased a farm in Paint Township, Wayne County, where the father still lives. The mother died July 23, 1880. The family consisted of six children, as follows: Zelina (deceased); Gustavus, in Mount Eaton, Ohio; Florian; Adeline, wife of August Jabas, in Dalton; Paul, in Holmes County, and Albert, at home.

Our subject was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, October 16, 1839, and received his education in that country. After coming to America he learned the wagon-maker's trade, which he has since followed, having conducted the business at Mount Eaton, Ohio, from 1865 to 1880, when he purchased his present farm of eighty-five acres in Paint Township, Wayne County. April 23, 1866, Mr. Schaffter married Miss Lena, daughter of Abraham Guerne, of Paint Township, and they have five children: Edward (a veterinary surgeon in Cleveland, Ohio), Eugene, Ally, Willie and Lenora. Mr. Schaffter is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and has filled the offices of assessor, supervisor and constable of Paint Township. He is a prominent member of the German Reformed Church of Mount Eaton, and has been a deacon, trustee and secretary of the same. At the present time he is one of a committee appointed to take charge of matters connected with the erection of the new church.

**JOHN W. FRICK.** In recording the names of the prominent citizens of Wayne County our list would be incomplete were the name of John W. Frick omitted. Although not an early settler of the county, in the few years of his residence his interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the community, and his public-spirited and self-denying support of all enterprises of material or social benefit, made him well known, and gained for him many friends, who honored him for his many noble characteristics, and his benevolence endeared him to the hearts of those needing and deserving his succor.

Mr. Frick was born in Adamsburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn., February 23, 1822, a son of Daniel Frick, well known in the early days of Westmoreland County. He was married October 8, 1847, to Elizabeth Overholt, daughter of Abraham and Maria (Stauffer) Overholt. To them were born six children, three sons and three daughters: Maria, now Mrs. J. S. Overholt; Henry Clay, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; Anna, now Mrs. Braddock; Aaron; J. Edgar, a farmer, and Sallie O. John W. Frick was a miller in his early life, and in later years was a farmer, following that business in Pennsylvania. In 1880 he came to Wayne County, and bought 165 acres of land, which he afterward sold, and bought 211 acres of land, which he





*John W. Frick*





rented, and moved on six acres of land in Bloomington, a suburb of Wooster, which is now the family homestead. He began life poor, but by energy and industry accumulated a good property, and retired from active labor, giving up the work of his farm to his sons. Mr. Frick died August 31, 1888, having many friends to mourn his loss, and to sympathize with the bereaved widow and children. In politics Mr. Frick was a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, his widow and children being adherents of the same denomination.

**C**HAS. B. DICKEY is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Akin) Dickey, settlers in Holmes County, Ohio, where our subject was born February 13, 1847. The parents died when Charles B. was but two years of age, and he was reared by a Mr. Armstrong, a farmer of that county, with whom he lived until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1872 he engaged in business at Fredericksburgh and continued for three years. He owned and operated a portable saw-mill for some years, and in 1878 came to Apple Creek, Wayne County. In 1880 he purchased his present saw and planing mill, and has since added a lum-

ber yard. In 1887 he leased the grist-mill, which he operated until 1888, when he and two partners purchased the same, and it is now operated under the firm name of C. B. Dickey & Co. It has the full roller process, and a capacity of from seventy-five to one hundred barrels per day.

On October 19, 1871, Mr. Dickey married Miss Lettie McCartney, of Holmes County, Ohio, and they have three children: Clyde, Irene and Linas Clare. Mr. Dickey is a prominent Democrat, and has always taken an active part in the affairs of his township. He held the offices of trustee and treasurer for two years each, and various village offices.

**D**AVID WEBNER (deceased) long a respected citizen of Wayne County, Ohio, was a native of Dauphin County, Penn., but was reared in the adjoining county of Cumberland. His father, Peter Webner, came with his brother John from Germany when they were both young men. Peter remained in Dauphin County, Penn., but John went farther west, and was never again heard of. So far as known, Peter was the ancestor of all the Webner's now in the United States, but few of the name being





known here. He was married in Dauphin County to Margaret Waltz, and was the father of fourteen children, of whom David was the youngest but one. The only survivor is Catherine, wife of John Kesses, of Rockville, Conn. The mother died when David was but eight years old, and the father seven years later.

David Webner was born March 13, 1831, and when of a suitable age was apprenticed to a tailor named Reed, in Churchtown, Penn., to learn the trade. He continued to work in that place until 1852, when he immigrated to Ohio, coming direct to Smithville, Wayne County. Here he worked at his trade, for Mr. William Peters and E. H. Gilbert, until his marriage, when he removed to Knox County, Ohio, where he opened a shop, also carrying on a ready-made clothing store. He stayed there but two years, however, preferring Smithville as a place of residence, and he returned, and opened a shop in the latter place, where for many years he worked assiduously at his trade, in fact working at it more or less until his death. During this time he established the first hack line to the station of the Fort Wayne Railroad. He began by carrying the mail to and from the depot on foot, principally for exercise, and from this grew up the hack line, which he carried on until his death. He was also the first ticket agent of the road at

Smithville Station. He died November 16, 1873, the immediate cause of his death being neuralgia of the heart. The first starting point of the disease, which finally caused his death, was a cold caught while hurrying to catch a train with the mail, he having been delayed at the post-office beyond the usual time. This brought on typhoid fever and inflammatory rheumatism, from which he never recovered. During the Civil War Mr. Webner was a member of the Home Guards, and in 1864, though ill at the time, was ordered into camp at Cleveland. His friends, knowing his unfitness for duty, tried to have him excused, but to no purpose. The exposure of camp life aggravated his disease, and he was sent home in charge of a comrade, being unfit to travel alone. Although he lingered for several years, he never recovered his health from that time—but grew steadily worse until the end.

Mr. Webner at fourteen years of age embraced religion, and united with the Church of God, in Cumberland County, Penn., November 19, 1849, and lived a pious, Christian life. He took a great interest in Sabbath-school work, and was active in that cause, and for more than twenty years had been an ardent laborer in that part of his Master's vineyard, most of the time being superintendent. He was much esteemed for his sterling



integrity of character, and made his worth felt in deeds of kindness, leaving an unfading record of good works, and bequeathing to his children the priceless heritage of a good name. His death was severely felt by his widow and children, who, however, do not mourn as those without hope, knowing the good man, the faithful husband and loving father has but gone before.

On October 23, 1854, David Webner was married, in Cedar Valley, Chester Township, Wayne County, to Miss C. E. Walton, a native of that place, born August 2, 1834. Her parents were Boaz and Mary Ann (Parker) Walton, the former born in Northampton County, Penn., January 1, 1798, and the latter in Jefferson County, Ohio, June 22, 1802, and is now living in the old home in Cedar Valley, and notwithstanding her advanced age is in excellent health and in the possession of all of her faculties. Mr. Walton came with his parents to Ohio when but six years old, and in 1830 he located in Cedar Valley. He and his wife Mary Ann had nine children, three of whom died at birth, and one, Lucinda, who was the wife of Enos Edmonds, died near Winterset, Iowa. The survivors are Susan, unmarried, living with her mother; Henry, in Michigan; Hiram, in Wayne, and Gideon, in Congress Township, in this county, and C. E., widow of David

Webner. Mr. and Mrs. Webner were the parents of seven children, two of whom died young. Those now living are Helen, an estimable young lady, teacher in the Smithville school; Gilbert, who carries on a meat-market in Smithville; Ira Day, Rush and David, with their mother.

Mrs. Webner deserves and has received much credit for the manner in which she has reared her family. Left with not a great deal of this world's wealth, by untiring industry, good management, and the assistance of dutiful and affectionate children, she has maintained a comfortable home, and given all the children the advantage of a good education. For six years after her husband's death she carried on the hack line, giving it with all its appurtenances to her eldest son, on his marriage. Her second son is a telegraph operator, an industrious and high-principled young man, and the family is spoken of by all who know them as one of the most highly respected in Smithville.

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JOSEPH A. FUNK, merchant. Of those thoroughly reliable business men engaged in the mercantile pursuits of life none in the county have obtained a higher standing for honesty





and integrity than has the subject of this sketch. His father, Jacob M. Funk, was born in Huntingdon County, Penn., in 1792, of German parentage. When sixteen years of age he moved to Westmoreland County, and there for many years followed his trade of blacksmithing. In 1831 he immigrated to Chester Township, Wayne County, where for a short time he continued to follow his trade, and purchased 220 acres of land. Jacob M. Funk married Mary Bonnett, daughter of Jacob Bonnett, of Westmoreland County, Penn., and seven children were born to them: Isaac B., John B., Margaret, David M., Joseph A., Lewis M. and Mary. The mother of these children dying in Pennsylvania, aged twenty-nine years, Jacob M. next married Mary Kessler, who became the mother of two children, Elizabeth and Annie. Jacob M. Funk commenced life poor, but, by industry and perseverance, at his death was a well-to-do farmer.

Joseph A. Funk was born in Westmoreland County, in 1824, and was about eight years of age when his parents came to Wayne County. His education was obtained in the common schools of Chester Township, working on the farm till sixteen years of age. He taught school one term, and then learned the tailor's trade, and for ten years followed that occupation, residing at this time in Memphis, Tenn. In 1849 he crossed the plains

to California, and for eighteen months was engaged in gold mining. He then returned to Wayne County, but again went to California, and remained eighteen months. In 1855 he commenced mercantile business at Lattasburgh, where he has since remained, with the exception of four years. For thirty years he was a notary public, receiving his first commission from Gov. Chase. He was township treasurer, and also held other township offices and positions of trust. Mr. Funk was married in 1855 to Margaret Zimmerman, daughter of Henry Zimmerman, of Chester Township, and they have two children, Frances M. and Clara, both married. Mr. Funk is a Republican.

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JOASH YODER. About the year 1720 Barbara Yoder, widow, whose husband died at sea on his way from Switzerland to this country, arrived at Philadelphia, Penn., hers being one of the first Amish Mennonite families coming to Pennsylvania from the old country, and located somewhere in the eastern part of the State, either in Lancaster or Berks County. She was the mother of eight sons and one daughter. Her daughter was married to Christian Byler. Seven of her sons were married and had fami-



lies. One of her sons, Christian, had eleven children, namely: Jacob, Anna, Christian, John, Fannie, Elizabeth, Barbara, Henry, Yost, Joseph and David.

The latter was the grandfather of Joash Yoder, our subject. His first wife was Jacobin Esh, who also came from Switzerland, a maiden, and arrived at Philadelphia about 1780, after a long and perilous passage, being on the ocean over six weeks. She was a good woman, and did not live to a great age. She became the mother of three sons and five daughters, as follows: Daniel, born (it is thought) in the latter part of 1791; Rebecca, born October 18, 1793, and was married to Jacob Zook; Jonathan, born September 2, 1795, in Berks County, Penn., and was married to Magdalena Wagner, whose father, Zacharias Wagner, was brought to this country from Hessen (or Hesse), Germany, during the Revolutionary War (he died at a ripe age, in Berks County, Penn.); Joseph, born September 13, 1797, and married to Catherine Lantz, of Mifflin County, Penn., where he lived many years and taught English and German schools (about 1838 he removed with his family to Juniata County, Penn., and about 1846 he immigrated to McLean County, Ill., where he went to farming; he died there in February, 1888); Magdalena was born April 23, 1799, and was married to John Lantz, lived in Mifflin

County, Penn., and died there about 1832; Fanny, born April 11, 1802, was married to Joel Yoder of Centre County, Penn.; Maria was born April 11, 1804, and was married to John Yoder, of Centre County, Penn.; Leah was born December 8, 1806, and was married to Yost Yoder, of Centre County, Penn., about 1832 (she and her family removed to Juniata County, Penn., about 1849, and from there to McLean County, Ill., but more recently to Kansas, where she and her husband now live). David Yoder (grandfather of Joash Yoder), with his family, removed from Berks County to Mifflin County, Penn., about 1811, and there he bought a large farm. He there met with reverses, his wife died and he became financially involved. His land title not being good, he lost his farm, and died about 1820, insolvent.

Jonathan Yoder, father of Joash, was a man of great physical strength and more than ordinary intelligence. Although he received only a few months' schooling, he was able to read and write both English and German, and, without having studied any of the rules of the arithmetic taught in the subscription schools of those days, he could solve many of the most difficult questions found in the books. He was of generous and peaceful disposition, yet firm in what he considered right. His kind and jovial disposition made him beloved by all with whom he became acquainted.





When about thirty years old he was called to the ministry of the Amish Mennonite Church, to which he belonged, and in this capacity he served the church until the end of his life, with considerable ability and without salary or compensation. He reared a large family (eleven children) with the labor of his hands, when wages for ordinary laborers was only 50 cents a day. Yet by industry and the prudent and economical management of his wife they lived comfortably, and became possessors of a small home, four miles west of Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Penn. Awhile after he was married he learned the carpenter's trade, and to some extent followed the business of framing barns. About the year 1828, when Joash was ten years of age, his father removed to Half-Moon Township, Centre Co., Penn., and there bought 100 acres of land, a little south of a village called Stormstown, where he lived eight years. Then he removed to Tuscarora Township, Juniata County. Two children died while he lived in Centre County, and nine were married and reared children. They were born as follows: Leah, March 28, 1818; Joash, December 23, 1819; Elias, October 16, 1821; Elizabeth, January 5, 1825; Sarah, December 7, 1826; Amos, December 17, 1828; Jonathan, September 21, 1830; Magdalena, July 13, 1832 (the two last named died in Centre County); Asa,

January 24, 1835; Catherine, September 10, 1836; Annie, February 7, 1840.

Soon after the last child was born, the oldest of the children began to marry, and the family became gradually larger. About 1846 Elias, the third born, removed to McLean County, Ill., near Bloomington, the county seat of McLean County, now a thriving city and railroad center; had then only a few houses and no railroad at all. Soon after some other members of the family moved to McLean County, and about 1850 Jonathan and his wife followed, taking the remainder of the family with them. There these parents lived until their deaths, and are buried in a cemetery on a farm belonging to Simon Lantz, about two miles east of Carlock Station, on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad.

As before stated, Magdalena Yoder was the daughter of Zacharias Wagner, who came from Hesse, Germany, and located in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. She was born in 1798. When yet quite small she was bound to Christian Schmucker, of Lancaster County, Penn. When she was about fourteen years of age Mr. Schmucker removed to Mifflin County, Penn., and took her with him. She served with him until she was eighteen years of age. She, too, became a member of the Amish Mennonite Church, and lived and died in the faith of that communion. She was a kind and benevolent





woman, and her chief aim was to rear her children in the love and fear of God. She was very industrious and frugal, and a good helpmate to her husband, and always managed to make things in and around the house look neat and comfortable. She spun all the cloth the family wore, from shirts to overcoats, and made nearly all the clothes with her own hands. Sewing machines were not then in use, but the children were always clean and well dressed. She was a mother in the true sense of the word.

Joash Yoder was born December 23, 1819, in Derry Township, Mifflin Co., Penn., and remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, and assisted them in their struggle to rear their family. He did all kinds of work on the farm. Farming then was quite different from what it now is. There were then no machines to mow the grass or cut the wheat or to do the threshing. Grass was mowed with a scythe, and wheat, rye and oats were cut with a sickle or cradle, and grain threshed with a flail or tramped off the straw with horses. So Mr. Yoder was kept busy summer and winter, and found but little time, after he was big enough to be of any service at home, to attend school in the log school-houses, which in those localities were few and far between. But, as he was industrious at school and studied hard when

out of school, he managed to learn to read and write both English and German, and acquainted himself with some of the higher branches, which he mostly learned without a teacher. When nineteen years of age he commenced teaching school in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer; this he followed for nine or ten years.

In 1841 he was married to Barbara Kaufman, an estimable lady, the daughter of Christian Kaufman, of Bratton Township, Mifflin Co., Penn. He then left Juniata County and lived in a small log house, 14x15 feet, belonging to his father-in-law, and supported his family as best he could, by doing all kinds of work he could find, much of it being wood-chopping and clearing land, for which he generally received 50 cents a day. By this marriage he had one son, Eli L. Yoder, who now lives in Nebraska and has a family of seven children. Mrs. Yoder died October 12, 1851. In the fall of 1853 Mr. Yoder went to McLean County, Ill., where his family relatives all lived. On his way home he stopped in Wayne County, Ohio, and on the 17th day of November, 1853, he was joined in marriage with a widow, Catherine Zook, daughter of Christian Schmucker. She had three sons, the oldest being about thirteen years of age. Of this marriage there were born one daughter, Veronica,



and one son, Amos; the latter died when he was four years old. The daughter was married to M. P. Yoder, and is living on the homestead farm. Catherine Yoder, when married to Mr. Yoder, was living on the farm where she and Mr. Yoder now reside. The farm belonged to her three boys, she having a dower in it considered worth \$1,000.

After renting the farm for a few years from the guardian of the boys, Mr. Yoder sold a little property in Mifflin County, Penn., which he had gained mostly by days' work at 50 cents a day, for \$1,100, and with that sum as hand money he bought from the heirs' guardian the farm on which they yet live. He gave his attention to farming, in which he has so far been successful, his wife being industrious and economical, and doing her part in paying for the farm. They are now growing old, but can still, with ordinary health, enjoy the sweets of life. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder are highly respected by all who know them.

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**F**RED RIES was born in Saarbruck, Prussia, November 22, 1838, and is a son of Martin and Mary (Cline) Ries, who came to America in 1847, and settled in Chippewa Township, Wayne

Co., Ohio, where the father worked as a coal miner for twelve years. In 1859 he purchased thirty-three acres of land in Chippewa Township, on which coal was found, and which was developed by the Silver Creek Mining Company, for whom he was the superintendent five years. He then removed to Knoxville, Tenn., where a company was formed for mining coal, for which he acted as superintendent three years. He then returned to Chippewa Township, Wayne County, retired from business, and he now resides in Doylestown. His family consisted of eight children, viz.: Christopher, a hotel keeper in Clinton, Ohio; Fred, our subject; Hettie, now Mrs. Peter Cline; William N., a farmer of Chippewa Township, Wayne County; Henry, a coal miner in Medina County, Ohio; Martin (deceased); George, a miner boss in Chippewa Township, and Minnie, now Mrs. Welman Cline.

Of these, Fred, whose name heads this memoir, was reared in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, from nine years of age, receiving a common-school education, and began life as a coal miner, which occupation he followed for twenty years. He was then appointed inside boss of the mines of the Wadsworth Coal Company, acting in that capacity for eight years, when he was appointed superintendent of the mines, a position





he held until the mines were exhausted. In 1880 the Excelsior Coal Company was formed, of which Mr. Ries was a stockholder, and he has been its efficient superintendent since its organization.

Our subject married, December 5, 1861, Barbara Diehl, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, by whom he had four children: William P., superintendent of a coal mine at New Comerstown, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio; Henry C., book-keeper for the Excelsior Coal Company; Elma, wife of J. W. Merkt, and Freddie, deceased. Mr. Ries is one of the substantial citizens of Doylestown, of which he has been a resident since 1879. He is an attendant of the Lutheran Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Odd Fellows order, Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Democrat.

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**R**USSELL E. KERR was born November 30, 1838, in Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Russell) Kerr, of Lancaster County, Penn., who came to Wayne County in 1833, and located in Canaan Township. They were prominent members of the Seceder Church of Wooster. The mother died in 1864, and the

father in 1869. They reared two sons, Cyrus, a resident of Chester County, Penn., and Russell E. The subject of this biography was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until 1884, when he established his present coopering business at Creston, and four other places, where he is largely engaged in the manufacture of flour and apple barrels.

September 12, 1863, Mr. Kerr married Miss Mary J., daughter of Henry Lee, of Medina County, Ohio, and they have three children: Luella, wife of Charles Steele, of Medina County, Ohio; Eddie K., of Lodi, Ohio, and Vinnie May, at home. Mr. Kerr is one of the principal stockholders of the Creston Milling Company. Politically he is a Democrat, and a member of the township board. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and one of the valued and enterprising citizens of Wayne County.

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**J**OHN H. KAUKÉ, one of the oldest and best known natives of Wayne County, was born in Wooster Township, December 15, 1817. His father, John Kauke, was a native of Amsterdam, Holland, whence when a boy he emigrated to this country, locating in Pennsylvania, where in course of time he married Mary



Bennett. Together they came, in about 1814, to Wayne County, Ohio, and here had seven children born to them, of whom five are still living, all of them residing in Wayne County. Both parents died many years ago.

Their son, John H., of whom this memoir treats, received his education in the old school-house of the period, and served a two-years' apprenticeship to the ancient trade of brick-making, from the age of seven to nine years, following which he tried his hand at the printer's trade for a short time. From nine to eleven, in connection with his brother Henry (now deceased), he ran an ox team or cart, and worked by the day as they could get it, receiving 25 cents or a bushel of corn for a day's work; cut and ranked cord-wood, at 25 cents per cord, on the grounds now occupied and used by the county fair. At the age of eleven he struck a job with John Walters, assisting Mrs. Walters in the manufacture of her famous hop beer, gingerbread and pies, which were dealt to the natives by Mr. Walters in a small frame building on the southeast corner of the public square, after which Mr. Walters opened a tavern in a frame building then standing on the lot now owned by John Zimmerman, on which he erected the three-story block now occupied by him. The tavern was known by the name of Swan, Mr. Walters

having hung out that bird for a sign. Mr. Kauke remained with him during his twelfth year. While in the employ of Mr. Walters it was the custom of Mrs. Walters to attend public sales in the country and camp-meetings, keeping a boarding table, Mr. Kauke being principal help. At the age of thirteen he was employed by James Jacobs, who kept a general store, as a boy or hand good for all work. At the age of fifteen he had general oversight of the work in the store; at the age of seventeen took charge of and kept the books; at the age of nineteen was sent to New York to purchase a stock of goods for Mr. Jacobs, and at the age of twenty-one was given an interest in the business, and continued in the general trade until 1843, when they disposed of the dry goods stock, and went exclusively in the general hardware trade. In 1848 he bought out his partner, James Jacobs, and continued in the trade until 1865, in the meantime having built the iron block adjoining the court-house on the west.

He was also engaged in banking in connection with his commercial interests, first, from 1854 to 1862, with Sturges, Stibbs & Co., and then with Stibbs, Hanna & Co. to 1876, and Kauke & Frost until 1883, when the bank was closed and settled up. He was also interested with Col. W. K. Boone, in Lima, Ohio, in the



hardware trade, from 1868 to 1883, and since 1856 he has had a similar business in Van Wert, Ohio. Since its inception Mr. Kauke has been interested in the Gas Works of Wooster; was one of the principal inaugurators of the Wooster Gas Light Company, of which he is and has been for about fifteen years president. He served the city of Wooster faithfully in the council, also as mayor. While a member of the Board of Education he was instrumental in securing the site of the present high school building. He was one of the largest contributors toward the establishment of Wooster University, and was the first to endow a professorship (natural science), in the sum of \$25,000, that bears his name, and has been one of the trustees of the university since its commencement. Mr. Kauke has been identified with all the enterprises and improvements of Wooster; acted as trustee of the Wooster Cemetery Association for a number of years, being one of the original purchasers of the cemetery grounds.

At the present time he is making a strong effort to complete the north and south railroad, known as the Killbuck Valley, chartered name, Lake Erie, Wooster & Muskingum Valley Railroad Company. The track is graded from Wooster to Burbank, bridges built, and ties on the ground. The company was chartered

in 1882. Mr. Kauke is president, and feels confident the cars will run on it inside of twelve months.

In 1841 Mr. Kauke was married to Elizabeth Himmelrich, a native of Union County, Penn., coming to Wooster in her childhood. They have had seven children, three of whom are living, as follows: Cary W. Kauke, Flora E. Clemmens and Emma Jane Jackson. The parents are both members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Kauke is a Republican.

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**A** M. PARRISH, proprietor Archer House, Wooster, Ohio.

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**J** OHN S. CASKEY. This well-known citizen of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., August 27, 1834. His father, Robert Caskey, was likewise a native of the Keystone State, but was reared in Ohio. When a young man he returned to Pennsylvania, and there grew to maturity. He was a farmer by occupation, and was married to Miss Nancy McClarran. Two children were born of this union, John S. and Samuel, and our





subject is the sole survivor, the younger brother dying January 12, 1867. In 1852 the father came to Wayne County, Ohio, bringing his family with him, and here he and his wife both died, the latter February 10, 1862, and the former April 13, 1866.

John S. Caskey grew to manhood on the farm, receiving a common-school education. His father being crippled, he had to work at an early age. He lived on the Wayne County farm until 1862, and in August of that year, the Civil War being then in progress, he offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company E, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was at once sent to the front. The first engagement in which he participated was Chickasaw Bluffs, in the rear of Vicksburg, Miss. Hardship and exposure brought on severe illness, but he continued in the ranks until the battle of Arkansas Post, after which he was prostrated by fever, and was sent to the hospital at St. Louis, where he was confined for months. Being partially recovered, he desired to return to the front, but taking a relapse the physician in charge dissuaded him, and receiving an honorable discharge he returned to Wayne County and resumed his labors on the farm. When he came back home he was so ill that he had to be brought on a bed, his young wife faithfully watching over and attending him on his journey.

In 1862, a short time after his enlistment, Mr. Caskey was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Newman, daughter of Dr. William Newman, who died when his daughter was but two years old, and she was reared by her grandparents in Ashland County, Ohio, where her marriage took place. No children have been born of this union. About 1866 our subject removed to Wooster, where for two years he was engaged in the ice business, then selling out for a short time he followed the mineral water business. Soon after he entered into partnership with his cousin and present partner, in the grocery and queensware business, purchasing the interest of K. E. Harris, of the firm of K. E. Harris & Co. The firm of McClarren & Caskey is now one of the oldest in the county, and do a large business, their annual retail sales being the largest in the county.

Mr. Caskey has been prominent in public affairs of the city and county, and has held important offices, which always came to him unsought. He is a Democrat in politics, for two terms was township treasurer, and in 1879 was elected to the responsible position of county treasurer, and was re-elected in 1881, discharging the duties of his office in a manner to win hearty encomiums from citizens of every shade of political belief. As a faithful public servant, a just and high-minded



merchant, and a public-spirited man and citizen, Mr. Caskey stands deservedly high among the people of Wayne County.

**S**AMUEL CULLY was born February 19, 1840, on the homestead where he at present resides, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Moudebaugh) Cully, the former of whom was born in York County, Penn., January 9, 1800. They were married in 1828, and afterward came to Ohio, locating first in East Greenville, Stark County, where they remained but a short time, coming the same year to Wayne County, and settling on the farm now occupied by their son, Samuel. They carved for themselves a home out of the wilderness, and experienced all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life. Joseph Cully has always been a supporter of the Democratic party, and has held various township offices. He and his wife early connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church of Dalton; she died in 1883; he is still living on the old homestead at the ripe age of eighty-eight years. Ten children were born to this couple, one of whom died at the age of twenty-one years; John, the second eldest, settled in

Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, and engaged in farming; he died in 1885. The others are yet living, and are as follows: William, in Stark County, Ohio; Elizabeth, widow of R. R. McMillan, in Iowa; Margaret Jane, wife of Luther McDowell, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County; David, in Missouri; Maria, wife of Finlay McCall, in Iowa; Samuel; James, in Cleveland, Ohio; and Thomas, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County.

Of these, Samuel, whose name heads this memoir, was married in 1868 to Miss Susan, daughter of Philip Sword, of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, and to this union have been born four children, as follows: Warren P., Elizabeth E., George A. and Herby J. Mr. and Mrs. Cully are members of the Reformed Church of Stark County. Politically he votes the Democratic ticket. He is one of the successful farmers of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County. Thomas Cully, the youngest son of Joseph and Margaret (Moudebaugh) Cully, was born March 6, 1844, and was educated in the township schools and Smithville Academy. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and received wounds in the side and hand at the battle of Pickett's Mills, near Atlanta, Ga., being honorably discharged in 1865.

In 1870 he married Miss Dora E., daughter of David Erwin, of Sugar Creek





Township, Wayne County, and by her has two children, viz.: Mina E. and Maggie N. Mr. Thomas Cully is one of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church, and has served the township as trustee, school director, etc. He supports the principles of the Prohibition party.

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**I**SAAC NEWKIRK, son of Henry Newkirk, was born June 5, 1821, in Clinton Township, and was married to Sarah O. Gibbon March 27, 1847, and united with the Methodist Church in the winter of 1856. He was suddenly seized with violent illness while attending the grand jury in Wooster, and died December 22, 1870. The following is an extract from an obituary written at his death: "The large concourse which followed his remains to the grave was a beautiful tribute to the might of simple goodness. Riches, rank, fortune, intellect, all have commanded their homage before; but only that rare and beautiful combination of all that is lovely and of good report, which was found in our friend, could have called forth that spontaneous homage from all hearts. Mr. Newkirk was known and loved by all his neighbors for his lofty spirit of honor, spotless integrity, delicacy of conscience, kindness of heart,

and promptness of decision. In all the varied relations of Sunday-school superintendent, steward and class-leader, he gave fine satisfaction to the church. During most of his illness he was favored with peace and tranquility; and when confined and hearsed the uniform testimony borne to his life was, 'He sleeps well.' He was greatly respected and loved by a large and numerous circle of friends, especially by the society at Newkirk's, of which he was a member."

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**H**M. NEWKIRK was born in 1848 in Clinton Township, Wayne County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He is the son of Isaac and Sarah O. (Gibbon) Newkirk (whose biography appears above), who were the parents of the following-named children: H. M.; Mary, now Mrs. J. D. Peters, of Carbondale, Ill.; Ida, now a resident of Wooster, Ohio; Victor, a dealer in real estate in Kansas; Wade, an attorney in Wooster, Ohio; Thomas, engaged in railroad business in Illinois. Of these, H. M. married, in Wayne County, Ohio, Annie B., daughter of William Linn, of Wooster, and to them four children were born: Dale, Linn, Helen and Blanche.



**H**ARVEY R. MESSMORE, of Wooster, ex-sheriff, is one of the best known and most widely respected citizens of Wayne County. He was born in German Township, Fayette Co., Penn., September 9, 1820, his parents also being natives of that State. His grandparents came to America prior to the War of the Revolution, in which his paternal grandfather, John Messmore, took part, serving in the Continental army, and passing through the memorable winter at Valley Forge, under Washington.

George Messmore, father of Harvey R., was a farmer, a distiller, and also a miller by trade, owning a mill which he operated with his farm. His wife was Miss Eleanor McWilliams, a daughter of John and Annie (Willson) McWilliams. Of their union four sons and one daughter were born, of whom three sons are now living: John, a resident of Hancock County, Ohio; William, living at Apple Creek, East Union Township, this county, and our subject. In 1846 George Messmore came to Wayne County, purchasing a farm in Franklin Township, and he and his wife thereafter made their home in Wayne County until their deaths. Mr. Messmore removed to Edinburgh, or Apple Creek, where he started a hotel, and was also for a number of years postmaster at that place. He departed this life April 27, 1877, when he lacked but three days

of having completed his eighty-eighth year. His wife also lived to a ripe old age, dying September 27, 1875, aged eighty years, eleven months and nine days. George Messmore was a prominent and highly respected citizen, and had held the position of justice of the peace for many years, first filling that office by appointment of the governor, and on the change of the law was elected to the same position several terms. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and served under Harrison at the famous fight of Tippecanoe. The family has always been noted for patriotism. His father served in the Revolution, and John, now of Findlay, Ohio, served three years during the Rebellion. George Messmore and wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he has always espoused the cause of the Democratic party.

Harvey R. Messmore received a common-school education, and learned his father's trade of miller. At the age of twenty-three, on November 1, 1843, he was married, in his native State, to Miss Jane Beeson, daughter of James and Agnes Beeson, and a native of Pennsylvania. He was twenty-six years old when his parents came to the then new county of Wayne, and he, with his wife and one child, accompanied them. He located first in Franklin Township, but later removed to East Union Township. After a



time he returned to Moorland, in Franklin, where he began business in a small general country store, with a stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., conducting that business successfully for five years, and then selling to William McFadden. His next location was in Wooster Township, where for five years he ran the old Wooster Mill, which in those days did a large and thriving business. His next work was in operating the McConkey Mill in Shreve, but two years later he went into the Shreve Mills, at the same place, where he remained a year. This brought him to the fall of 1861, when he purchased and removed to the farm, which he still owns, one mile east of the village of Shreve. There he lived until the fall of 1880, when he was elected sheriff of Wayne County, and removed to Wooster, which has since been his home. In 1882 he was re-elected, his term expiring January 5, 1885. Since that time Mr. Messmore has retired from active labor, and in his pleasant home on East Liberty Street, surrounded by his family, and with everything to make life pleasant, he is enjoying the fruits of a life of industry, crowned by an honest and honorable private and public career. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Messmore was blessed by the birth of six children, four of whom are now living, viz.: James Newton, now engaged in the livery business in Wooster;

Eleanor, Agnes and Martha. Those deceased are Lillie and an unnamed infant.

Our subject is now sixty-eight years of age, but looks many years younger. He enjoys good health, but is just now suffering from the effects of a severe accident which happened to him in February, 1888, by which he suffered the fracture of ten bones. No citizen of the county commands in a higher degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men. He is ever straightforward and honorable, and is known as one having the interests of the city and county at heart, and willing to do his share in forwarding all projects tending to their material or moral advancement. In politics he has always been a stanch Democrat. Socially he is member of Ebenezer Lodge, No. 33, A. F. & A. M., and Wooster Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F.

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**P**ETER STAIR, one of the most prominent farmers and pioneers of Wayne County, Ohio, was born in Cumberland County, Penn., in 1819. His father, Jacob Stair, was a native of Lebanon County, Penn., as was also his grandfather, William Stair, and his great-grandfather was a native of Scotland.







*Peter S. Tain*



William Stair, the grandfather, married a Miss Bickle, and Jacob, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the only child born to this marriage. The mother died, and William was married a second time. Jacob was reared in his native county, and remained there until his twentieth year, at which time he removed to Cumberland County and resided with an uncle. While in Cumberland County he wooed and married Magdalena Baacher, of that county, a daughter of John Baacher, who with his two sons removed to New York State and there died. To Jacob and wife were born three children, viz.: William, Elizabeth and Jacob. In 1809 the wife died, and then Jacob married Anna Stahl, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Stahl. Nine children blessed this union, Peter being the fourth. In April, 1828, Jacob Stair, his wife and ten children, seven sons and three daughters, immigrated to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled near the present town of Madisonburgh, four miles north of Wooster. In Wayne Township he purchased 320 acres of land, and in Plain Township the same number of acres, and resided in Wayne Township until death called him home, in 1870, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. His second wife died in 1855, aged sixty-six years. This pioneer was well known as a plain, practical, common-sense man, and although he started in life in moderate circumstances,

during his business career and by his own efforts he had owned \$50,000, and at one time 640 acres of land.

Peter, the fourth child of Jacob by his second wife, spent his early life in Wayne Township. He received a common-school education, and, as his father before him had done, made farming his occupation. He has always been a prominent and zealous citizen, and has held several public offices. As a trustworthy man and citizen he is well known, being one of the trustees of the Children's Home at this time, and an ex-county commissioner. In 1874 the Democratic party nominated and elected this worthy man to the office of county commissioner, and in 1877 he was renominated and re-elected. During his administration in office an addition was made to the insane department of the infirmary, and the court-house of Wayne County, at Wooster, was erected, an ornament and honor to the county.

In 1842 he was wedded to Sarah Houser, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Duniger, he being a Pennsylvanian. Two of their children died in infancy. For twenty-six years Mr. Stair has resided at his present home, comprising 229 acres of land, which was formerly divided into two farms. Mr. Stair commenced life's battle with nothing, but by his uprightness of character, honesty, integrity and industry he stands high, and will always be honored in the





community as an honorable man and an earnest, sincere and zealous citizen.

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**M**ILLER FAMILY. This well-known family, who have for many years been residents of Wayne County, are now represented here by three of the sons of Jacob and Magdalen (Gindlesperger) Miller, viz.: John W., Jacob A. and William W. On both sides the family are of German extraction, the paternal grandparents being Joseph and Elizabeth Miller, both natives of Somerset County, Penn., where they died. The maternal grandparents were Joseph and Magdalena Gindlesperger, the former a native of Germany and the latter born in Pennsylvania. In that State they were married, and later removed to Wayne County, Ohio, settling in Baughman Township, where some of their descendants yet live, their son, Joseph, occupying the home farm there.

Grandfather Miller had been twice married, and the father of the three Millers mentioned as residents of this county was a child of the first wife, who died three days after giving him birth. He was named Jacob, and was born in Somerset County, Penn., April 3, 1814, and died on the homestead, in Greene Township, this

county, November 25, 1885, aged seventy-one years, seven months and twenty-two days. He received his education in the district schools of his native county, and was instructed in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church at Pine Hill, near Berlin, Penn., and was there confirmed when twenty years old. From that time until his demise Jacob Miller was a pious and consistent church member. In the fall of 1836, when twenty-two years of age, he immigrated to Wayne County, settling on the farm on Section 20, in Greene Township, which was his home until his death. The farm comprised 160 acres, of which but twenty-five were partially cleared. All the rest he reclaimed from the wilderness, enduring much of the hardships and privations of a pioneer life. Long before his death he had it well fenced, provided it with good buildings, and had made it one of the best in the neighborhood.

On September 11, 1834, while a resident of Somerset County, Penn., he was married to Magdalen Gindlesperger, a native of that county, born July 1, 1813. She also died on the home farm, on February 4, 1886, aged seventy-two years, seven months and three days. Mrs. Miller was a member of the German Reformed Church, holding her membership until her death. She and her husband had lived together more than fifty-one years, and on the anniversary of their



wedding day, preceding the death of Mr. Miller, a family reunion was held to celebrate the event, and a large number of the descendants and friends assembled to do honor to the aged and honored couple. But a little more than two months later the good pioneer was called to his final home, the companion of so many years following him to the other shore a few weeks afterward. In life they had lived in peace and harmony, sharing each others joys and sorrows for more than half a century, and in death they were but a short time parted. They were faithful and devoted companions, kind parents, who brought up their children in the fear of the Lord, and were esteemed by all who knew them. Mr. Miller had been a deacon and elder in the Lutheran Church for many years, since the organization of the church at Smithville until his death, which was mourned by a large circle of friends. He and his wife, Magdalen, were the parents of seven sons and three daughters, as follows: Cyrus B., now a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa; John W., a farmer of Greene Township, in this county; Abraham J., living at Whitten, Hardin Co., Iowa; Joseph C., in Stark County, Ohio; Margaret, wife of Jesse S. Keiffer, of Bryan, Ohio; Cornelius J., of Wayne Township, this county; Mary E., deceased wife of Dr. J. C. Dreyher, then of Smithville; Jacob A.,

living on the old homestead; Susan, deceased wife of David H. Warfel, then of Greene Township; and William W., a merchant in Orrville, Wayne County.

John W. Miller, the eldest of the three sons of Jacob Miller residing in Wayne County, was born on the Ohio homestead, January 14, 1838. His life-long occupation has been that of a farmer. On his marriage he removed to a farm owned by his father, one and a half miles from his birthplace, and there lived eleven years.

In the spring of 1874 he settled on his present home, adjoining his father's, also on Section 20, Greene Township, which he bought from the heirs of his wife's father. July 10, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Weiler, daughter of William and Ann Eliza Weiler, natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in Reading, Berks County, and the mother in Chester County. They came to Ohio about the same time as the parents of Mr. Miller, locating first in Stark County, with the parents of Mr. Weiler; afterward coming to Wayne County, where they bought the farm adjoining that of Jacob Miller. Their parents were Joseph and Rosanna Weiler, the former of whom died while on a visit to some of his children in Indiana, and the latter in the home now owned by John W. Miller. William Weiler was a man of excellent character, well liked by all



who knew him, and had hosts of friends. He died June 4, 1866, aged fifty-nine years and eight months, being born October 4, 1806. His wife, Ann Eliza, was born January 18, 1810, and died March 1, 1880, aged seventy years, one month and fourteen days. They were the parents of eleven children, Mrs. Miller being the only one living in Wayne County. Their names are Rosanna, wife of James R. Shaffer, of Lima, Ohio; William C., living in Sedalia, Mo.; Louisa, deceased wife of James K. Ward, of Columbiana County, Ohio; Joseph, who was a resident of Stark County, Ohio, entered the Union army, and was killed at Murfreesboro, Tenn.; John J. lives in Tennessee; Rebecca died young; Hamilton was also a patriot soldier, and was killed at Athens, Tenn.; Sarah Ann Grace is the wife of Cassius M. Jolly, of Lima, Ohio; Henry is a resident of Tennessee; Alice Malvina died in childhood; and Mary E., wife of John W. Miller, who was the eldest but one of this family, and was born July 18, 1833. She and her husband have had five children. The second child, Ulysses S. G., died February 27, 1880, aged sixteen years. The survivors are Elmer E., born February 1, 1863, married to Nettie March, living on his father's farm; William J., born May 31, 1866, is a telegraph operator at Orrville, Ohio; and Jesse Ammon, born May 28, 1871,

and Johnny Hays, born August 28, 1876, still under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been, since the death of his father, an elder, being elected to succeed him. Previous to that he had been a trustee and a deacon. By his neighbors and friends John W. Miller is esteemed as a man of great probity of character and sterling integrity. Mr. Miller has been prominent in politics, and has filled several positions of trust. He has served as trustee several years, and for twenty years has been a member of the school board, of which he has been president a number of years. May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia; the following July he was taken sick with typhoid-malarial fever, and in August was sent home on sick furlough, and in September was discharged from the service, but has never fully recovered from the effects of this sickness.

Jacob A. Miller, a younger son of Jacob Miller, now lives on the old homestead on Section 20, Greene Township, where he was born January 7, 1850. He lived on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in the lumber business, principally for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, furnishing car





timber. In this occupation he continued for sixteen years, making his home for the first two and a half years in Seneca County, Ohio, and the balance of the time in Defiance County, Ohio. In that business Mr. Miller was quite successful, and accumulated considerable means. He now owns a fine, well-improved farm in Defiance County. While living there Mr. Miller served several terms as township trustee, and also held other positions of trust and responsibility. In March, 1887, he retired from the lumber business, and, buying the interests of the other heirs, returned to the place of his birth, where he expects to spend the remainder of his days. He is making many improvements on the place, and has partially rebuilt the house.

March 4, 1884, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Sarah Pittenger, daughter of Peter and Jane (Buchanan) Pittenger, then residents of Carroll County, Ohio, who had previously lived in Harrison County, Ohio. The father was born in Harrison County October 1, 1800, and died February 9, 1854, aged fifty-three years, seven months and twenty-three days. The mother, Jane Buchanan, was born in Pennsylvania July 11, 1803, and was three years old when her parents moved to Ohio. On both sides her ancestors were of that sturdy race of pioneers who laid the foundations of the prosperity of

the grand State of Iowa. After their marriage Peter and Jane Pittenger removed to Carroll County, Ohio, where they in turn carved a home out of the wilderness. Of their first purchase of eighty acres but five were partially cleared. To this they added eighty acres more, and made it by hard work a fine, well-cultivated farm. Their first house was a log cabin, with puncheon floor, and door hung on wooden hinges, in true frontier style. This was succeeded by a hewed log house, yet standing, and that by a comfortable frame house. Mrs. Pittenger died October 20, 1872, aged sixty-nine years, three months and nine days. This couple had ten children, as follows: Samuel B., and Mary, wife of Isaac Booth, of Indiana; Margaret, wife of David Davis, and John, residents of Carroll County, Ohio; Nancy, wife of Alex. Riley, in Stark County, Ohio; Joseph, Evan, Susannah and Abraham, deceased; and Sarah, the youngest of the family, now Mrs. Jacob A. Miller, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, October 24, 1848. She was but six years of age when her father died, and she lived with her mother until the demise of the latter, then making her home with her brothers and sisters until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Miller are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Smithville, Ohio, and he is a teacher of the Sabbath-school, a work in which he



has always taken a special interest, and with which he has been closely identified for nearly a quarter of a century, holding the positions of librarian, teacher and superintendent, and always working earnestly in the cause. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed members of society, and as a man of business, a good neighbor and kind friend Jacob A. Miller bears an enviable reputation, well deserved.

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**J** D. ZOOK, school-teacher, farmer and justice of the peace, Wayne Township, Wayne County. The association of the Zook family with Wayne County dates back as far as 1817, at which time John Zook settled in Greene Township. He and his wife, Catherine (Weidman) Zook, were natives of Mifflin County, Penn. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom Joshua was among the youngest. John Zook was one of the largest land-owners of Wayne County at the time of his death, leaving thirteen quarter sections, which he had acquired by his own exertions and the labor of his own hands. This land was, by his will, to be equally divided among his children. He died in the eighty-fourth year of his age. Joshua Zook, son of John and Catherine (Weidman) Zook, was born in 1812, and

was five years old when his father settled in Ohio. His early life was spent on the farm, and in 1837 he removed to Stark County, Ohio, where he settled on land owned by his father. He remained there until March, 1849, when he returned to Wayne County, and purchased 135 acres of land in Wayne Township, where he remained until his death, August 31, 1882. He was married to Magdalena Troyer, daughter of Henry Troyer, a noted hunter in his day. Seven children were born to this couple, six of whom grew to maturity.

J. D. Zook, the third child of Joshua and Magdalena, was born October 7, 1839. He received his education at the common schools and academies in Wayne County. Since 1860 Mr. Zook has been engaged in teaching school, and now holds a certificate from the County Board of Examiners which remains valid for five years. His school-teaching has mostly been done during the winter months, while he devotes his summers to farming. Mr. Zook was married, in 1865, to Mary I. Antles, daughter of T. F. and Anna (Hough) Antles. Four children have been born to this couple, of whom but two survive: Sylvia L. and Howard Chauncey. Mr. Zook has been assessor and township clerk, and in 1887 was elected justice of the peace in his township. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and in politics is a





Democrat. Mr. Zook is placed among the most progressive and enlightened men in Wayne Township, and is highly respected and cordially liked by all who know him.

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**M**ICHAEL COTTERMAN was born April 4, 1847, near Apple Creek, Wayne Co., Ohio, and is a son of Hosea and Lavina (Klein) Cotterman, natives of Berks County, Penn. His father came to Wayne County about 1825, when a single man. He was a shoemaker by trade, and after his marriage located in East Union Township, Wayne County, where he died in 1886. He was a prominent member of the German Reformed Church. His widow resides on the homestead. Their children who are living are Abraham, a resident of East Union Township; Celestia, now Mrs. Abraham Boyer, residing on the homestead, and Michael.

The subject of this memoir attended the district schools, and at the age of eighteen learned the trade of shoemaking. He lived in Fredericksburgh, Ohio, for some years. In 1875 he came to Apple Creek, where he has since been engaged in his business as dealer in and manufacturer of boots and shoes. Mr.

Cotterman was married in 1881 to Miss Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Burbridge, of West Virginia. Mr. Cotterman is one of the borough councilmen, and is treasurer of Apple Creek Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Cotterman is a member of the Baptist Church, while he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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**J**AMES JEFFERY was born in Congress Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1825, and is a son of John and Mary Jeffery, former of whom was a native of County Down, Ireland. In 1819 the parents immigrated to America with their four children, born in Ireland, viz.: William, Nancy, Jane and Eliza. The family located in the same year near Salem, in Wayne County, Ohio, and after landing on this soil Archibald was born in Baltimore, Md., and John and James near West Salem, Wayne County. James, the subject of this memoir, attended the public schools of Congress Township, Wayne County, and followed agricultural pursuits until 1871, when he began reading law, and in 1873 he was admitted to the bar. Mr. Jeffery practiced his profession in the Wayne County courts twelve years, since when he has resided near Blachleyville, Plain Township, where he



has followed farming and the manufacture of drain tile.

He was married in 1847 to Ellen Reed, of Wayne County, Ohio, who died May 8, 1848. He afterward, in 1851, married Sarah Myers, of Medina County, Ohio, who bore him six children, viz.: Ellen Jane, Florilla A., Sarah A., Eveline F., John Fremont Dayton (who died August 29, 1881) and Chever (who died when two years old, September 7, 1863), the mother dying the same day. In 1863 Mr. Jeffery took for his third wife Eliza A. Myers (sister to his previous wife), and she died November 29, 1865, leaving no children. Mr. Jeffery then married, February 10, 1866, Marietta Barnes, of Medina County, Ohio, who bore him five children, viz.: Clara E., born December 9, 1866, died October 10, 1882; James, born September 29, 1870, and died at the age of three months; Owen L., born June 5, 1872; Alta E., born July 30, 1875, and Lennie A. R., born January 8, 1879. Sarah A., Mr. Jeffery's daughter by his second wife, is now practicing medicine at Greenwich, Ohio, having graduated from Erie Medical College, at Cleveland, Ohio, in February, 1883.

Mr. Jeffery was elected in April, 1888, a justice of the peace on the Republican ticket, by a handsome majority, in Plain Township, and in 1876 was elected mayor of West Salem by an overwhelming major-

ity. During slavery days he was a "conductor" on the "underground railway," which ran into freedom many a bloodhound-hunted slave, and in 1860 he voted for Gerrit Smith, the Abolition candidate for President. Mr. Jeffery has on his farm in Plain Township a bed of potter's clay, fifty-three feet in thickness, from which he manufactures tile, etc., of which he has had samples tested, with a result that promises a valuable addition to the many industries of Wayne County.

**A** LLEN GREELY, JR. Allen Greely (deceased) was born in North Yarmouth, Me., May 15, 1781, and died October 25, 1866. He was a fellow student with Daniel Webster at Dartmouth College, graduating one year after Webster. His wife, Eunice Jones Greely, was born in 1801, and died in 1841. Allen Greely, Jr., the subject of this memoir, was born in Turner, Androscoggin Co., Me., March 16, 1837, and at the early age of four years was bereft of the care and kindness of a mother. His father was a Congregational minister, and served as pastor at Turner, Me., from 1810 to 1845. Young Allen attended the common schools until his fourteenth year, when he entered Hampden Acade-



my, Maine, and there pursued his studies one year. He was a schoolmate of Eugene Hale, United States Senator from Maine, in the old town of Turner.

When fifteen years old Mr. Greely boarded a merchant sailing ship, and for three years was a sailor on her, working before the mast, and making several voyages to remote parts of the globe. Among other ports he touched at were Liverpool (England), Isle of Wight, Cardiff, (Wales), Rio Janeiro (South America), etc., and he made several voyages to the West Indies. In 1857 Mr. Greely worked by the month on sailing vessels, plying on the lakes between Buffalo and Chicago, and for two seasons he "sailed the lakes." At the age of twenty-two he retired from sea-faring life, and became a citizen of Wayne County, Ohio, locating at West Salem in 1858.

On March 27, 1859, Mr. Greely married Miss Nancy Jane, daughter of John G. Ford, another of the early settlers of Wayne County, Ohio. Since coming here Mr. Greely has been engaged in various lines of business, and since 1874 he has been associated with others in the merchant milling. He is considered an upright, prudent and enterprising business man and excellent neighbor. In politics he is a Democrat. He has served one term as township clerk and two terms as township treasurer; was village clerk for eight years,

and is now, and has been for fourteen successive years, a member of the village Board of Education.

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**R**ICHARD VAN BUREN PINKERTON (deceased) was born at Mount Eaton, Wayne Co., Ohio, April 17, 1834, a son of James Y. and Lydia (Beam) Pinkerton. His grandparents, Richard and Sarah (Young) Pinkerton, were natives of Somerset County, Penn., and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1820, where they entered several tracts of land in Paint Township, and here made their home the rest of their lives. But one of their family is living, Matthew Pinkerton, who is now a resident of Wooster, Ohio.

Their eldest son, James Y., was born in Somerset County, Penn., in 1802, and accompanied his parents to Wayne County in 1820. He became one of the prominent citizens of the county, and his opinion and advice were considered of great moment by his friends and acquaintances. He learned the art of civil engineering in his youth, and in addition to attending to the work of his farm was employed both by the county and private individuals in surveying and laying out plats, etc., much of the work of this kind





in his earlier life being done by him. In politics he was a Democrat, taking an active part in the political issues of the day. He served one term as county commissioner, was justice of the peace of Paint Township for a great many years, and held all the offices in the gift of the people. He was a public-spirited, enterprising man, and in addition to all his other interests owned and operated a tannery at Mount Eaton for a number of years. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he became a member, and for many years was a class leader and recording steward. He was married in 1832 to Lydia, daughter of Christopher Beam, of Paint Township, and to them were born five children: Richard Van Buren, Sarah Elizabeth, Marian E. (wife of George W. Ross, of Sugar Creek Township), Lydia Jane (wife of G. W. Carey, of Millersburgh), and Felicia P., wife of Lewis Knoble, also of Millersburgh). The father died in 1875, and the mother makes her home with her children.

Richard Van Buren Pinkerton was reared on the homestead farm in Paint Township, and was given good educational advantages, attending the township school and Delaware College. He learned civil engineering of his father, and followed that business in connection with farming, and became one of the successful

men of the township. He was married in 1878 to Miss Ellen B. Blanchard, a daughter of D. A. and Julia (Dodez) Blanchard, of Paint Township. Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton had a family of three children: Minnie Blanche, James Winfield and Flora Edith. Mr. Pinkerton became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at an early age, and was ever after an active worker, taking an especial interest in Sunday-school work, and for several years was engaged in ministerial work, being an ordained local minister of his church. In his early life he was a Democrat, but later became identified with the Prohibition party, and in 1880 was the party's candidate for State senator. Mr. Pinkerton died July 2, 1883; Mrs. Pinkerton resides on the homestead farm with her children. She is an estimable lady, a prominent member of the Methodist Church, and a representative of one of the early families of Paint Township.

**L**OUIS DODEZ (deceased) was one of the early settlers of Paint Township. He was born in Switzerland in 1797, and was there reared, and married Marianne Favret. In 1831 they came to America, their family at that



time consisting of but one child, their son, Louis August. Landing in New York, they set out for Massillon, Ohio, and walked the entire distance. From Massillon they proceeded to Wayne County, and located in Paint Township, on the farm now owned by D. A. Blanchard. Mr. Dodez was an energetic, enterprising man, and was always active in promoting the public welfare of his township. He was an earnest member of the Reformed Church, and was one of the most liberal donators toward the building of their church at Mount Eaton.

He died June 21, 1872, his widow surviving him sixteen years, and dying March 28, 1888, aged ninety-two years and nine months. Their family consisted of three children, viz.: Louis A., of Paint Township; Lena O., wife of Ulysses Chatelain, and Julia, wife of D. A. Blanchard.

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**E**LI SNELL, one of the enterprising manufacturers of Wayne County, was born December 28, 1830, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Smith) Snell, natives of York County, Penn., who came to Wayne County in 1846, and rented a farm in Wayne Township. They afterward purchased a farm in Canaan Township, where the father was killed by accident, in

1882, while crossing the railroad track at Wooster. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of Canaan Township. His widow still survives him, and lives on the homestead. They reared a family of ten children, record of whom is as follows: Those deceased are Jerry, who was a member of Company H, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died of typhoid fever while in prison, and Magdalene; the living are Eli, Henry and John, in Canaan Township, Wayne County; Frank, in Richland County, Ohio; George, on the homestead; Adaline, wife of Samuel L. Whonsettle, of Canaan Township, and Catherine and Emeline, on the homestead.

Eli Snell early learned the trade of a carriage-maker, and in 1854 established his present wagon and carriage manufacturing business at Canaan. In 1855 he married Sarah, daughter of Jacob Freese, of Wayne Township, Wayne County, and she died January 10, 1875. They reared six children: Viola, wife of William Barnes, of Canaan Township; Edith, who died at the age of nineteen; Mina, wife of George Whonsettle, of Canaan Township; Jerry, at home; Emogene, wife of John Sholl, of Canaan Township (has one child, Hugh); May, at home. Mr. Snell was again married, on this occasion to Martha J., daughter of Alex Hordy, of Chester Township, Wayne County (she died May 24, 1882, leaving two children, Frank and





Leila). In 1862 Mr. Snell was elected township treasurer, and has since held that office; has also served as school director, supervisor, etc. He is a member of Sterling Council No. 173, K. of P., and leader in the Canaan Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active interest in the party.

**D**A. BLANCHARD was born in Switzerland, November 8, 1825. He lived in his native country until manhood, and in 1854 came to America, coming direct to Wayne County, and locating in Paint Township. He was given good educational advantages in his native country, and after reaching manhood became a soldier in the army, and rose to the rank of major.

He was married in Wayne County, in 1855, to Miss Julia Dodez, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of Louis and Marianne (Favret) Dodez, natives of Switzerland. To Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard were born four children: Ellen L. is widow of R. Van B. Pinkerton, and has three children: Minnie Blanche, James Winfield and Flora Edith; Louis D., a veterinary surgeon of Canton, Ohio; Ali E., of Canton, who married Ella Gerber, and has two children: Hazel May and Flora;

and Flora L., who died December 29, 1885, was the wife of H. A. Hoffstott. Mr. Blanchard is a Democrat in his political views. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church.

**D**ANIEL V. HUFFMAN, one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Doylestown, Wayne County, was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in April, 1830, a son of Daniel and Abigail (Franks) Huffman. His paternal grandfather was Daniel Huffman, a native of Switzerland, whose wife was Anne Hook. They immigrated to America in 1803, locating in Washington County, Penn., and in 1814 they settled in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where they resided until their deaths. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters, viz.: Daniel, Barbara (Mrs. Michael Keifer), Ann (Mrs. John Barker), Jacob, and Elizabeth (Mrs. John Elder. Of these, Daniel, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Switzerland, came to America with his parents in 1803, and settled in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, in 1814. He cleared and improved a farm in that township, and died in 1869, in his seventieth year. He was twice married, his first wife being



Abigail, daughter of Henry Franks, a native of Pennsylvania, and a pioneer of Chippewa Township. By this union there were born five children who grew to maturity: Abram, Eliza (Mrs. Jacob Baysinger), Ephraim, Daniel V. and Christian. His second wife was Anna, daughter of Jacob Huffman, of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, formerly of Switzerland, by whom he had six children: Wesley A., Mary E., Franklin J., Milton, Artlissa and Clara.

Daniel V. Huffman was reared in his native township, where he received a common-school education, and began life as a teacher, a profession he followed for six years during the winter months, working on the farm in the summer time. In 1850 he began the study of civil engineering under County Surveyor Campbell Bell, and has since followed that profession thirty-eight years. Besides other work in his line he did most of the mining engineering in his vicinity during that time. In 1861 he became superintendent of the Silver Creek Mining Company's coal mines, and held that responsible position for twenty-one years. In 1882 he became associated in the hardware business with his brother, Wesley A. Huffman, from which he retired in 1886. The subject of this memoir was twice married, first to Susan, daughter of Lewis Miller, of Canal Fulton, Ohio, and by

her he has one son living, Isaac W. Mr. Huffman's present wife is Catherine, daughter of Christian Wilhelm, of Medina County, Ohio, and she has borne him three children, living: Sherman J., Eliza and Cora.

Mr. Huffman has been a resident of Doylestown, Chippewa Township, since 1871, and has always taken an active part in public affairs of the town, though he has never held or sought office. He owns a half interest in the Huffman block, one of the leading business structures in Doylestown. He paid nearly one-seventh of the expense of erecting the beautiful Methodist Episcopal Church edifice (built in 1885), of which church he is an active member, and collected the balance of the subscription for the same. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order. In politics he has always been an ardent Republican.

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**W**ESLEY SPANGLER, ex-county commissioner and farmer, was born in Cumberland County, Penn., in 1825, near the county seat, Carlisle. Yost Spangler was the name of the pioneer of this family, who, when eighteen years old, in 1769, left Germany and came to America. He settled in



Berks County, Penn., and there was engaged in surveying. He was twice married, the names of his wives, who were sisters, being Weinholt. Eight children were born to him, their names being John, Philip, Samuel, Peter, Mary and Barbara, by the first wife; and by the second wife, Hannah and Yost. From Berks County this pioneer moved to Lancaster County, and then to Cumberland County, where he followed farming for a number of years previous to his death. Peter Spangler was the fourth son born to Yost Spangler. He was a native of Lancaster County, born in 1791, and married Susan Zinn. Of the ten children born to this union seven are now living, whose names are George, Peter, Wesley, Mary, Rebecca, Lorinda and Ehnira. In 1829 Peter Spangler, with his wife and five children, immigrated to Wayne Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and purchased fifty acres of land, formerly the property of A. McMonegal, and at his death owned 130 acres of land. He was a cooper by trade, and followed that in connection with farming for forty years. He was a successful man, being left but a small amount of money by his father. He died in 1863, at the age of seventy years.

Wesley Spangler, the subject of our sketch, was educated in the common schools of the county and at an academy at Canaan Center. Farming has been his

occupation through life, at which he has been successful. He was married in 1854 to Malinda Stair, and three children, all living, are the result of this union: Viola and Arabella, now engaged in teaching school, having been students at Smithville Academy and Normal School, and Charles W., engaged in farming. Mr. Spangler has resided in Chester Township since the spring of 1859, when he purchased his present home farm of 115 acres of land. He was elected county commissioner in the fall of 1881, and re-elected in 1884, a rare incident for a Republican, the county being Democratic. For twelve years he was justice of the peace of his township. He and his wife and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Congress.

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**G**EORGE BARTOL. This old and esteemed citizen of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Penn., February 2, 1814, and is a son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Jontz) Bartol, both also natives of Pennsylvania. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, of whom our subject and his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Houten, of Wooster, are the sole survivors. [Of the latter a sketch will be found on





another page in this volume.] The parents came to Wayne County in the summer of 1831, and lived here the remainder of their lives. The father was a shoemaker, and worked at that trade both in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He was called to his final rest in 1843, at the age of sixty-two. His wife survived him twenty years, dying in 1863, at the age of seventy-two.

George Bartol in his youth had but limited opportunities for education. He was in his eighteenth year when he accompanied his parents to Wayne County, with whose interests he has ever since been identified. From his father he learned the trade of shoemaking, and after the latter's death he carried on a shop for more than twenty years. For eight years he lived on a farm which he had purchased north of Wooster. In 1862 he purchased his present pleasant and commodious home, which he later sold, but in 1883 he repurchased and removed into it. May 4, 1843, Mr. Bartol took for a life partner Miss Jane Brown, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Armstrong) Brown, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, where she was born August 20, 1823, her parents having been among its earliest settlers. They have had no children of their own, but adopted and reared two girls, one of whom is Mrs. Margaret Gable, of San Francisco, Cal., and the other, who was the wife of

Dr. Mower, of Wooster, passed from earth July 10, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartol have for many years been highly esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both are by their consistent Christian life endeared to all who know them and are everywhere held in the highest regard. Mr. Bartol has made his own way in the world, his success being the result of his own well-directed efforts, seconded by a capable and affectionate wife, who has been indeed a helpmate to him.

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**W**ILLIAM GEARHART, a resident of over sixty years in Wayne County, is a native of Northumberland County, Penn., born September 8, 1808, son of Timos and Lorena (Gulichs) Gearhart, and grandson of Jacob Gearhart. The parents were natives of New Jersey, and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1822, where they died, the father at the age of eighty-two, and the mother when fifty-four years old.

The subject of this memoir received an ordinary common-school education, and learned the trades of stone-mason and cooper, at which he worked for some time, and then commenced farming. June 28, 1830, he married, in Wayne County, Mary



Direk, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (First) Direk, and a native of Pennsylvania. When a child she came with her parents to Wayne County, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart, viz.: Lorena, Catherine and Julia Ann, all deceased; Jacob, in Canaan Township; Isaac, on the homestead, and Samantha, now Mrs. H. Conahay. Their first farm was a wild piece of timber-land, in which deer and wolves roamed at will, and this, by hard labor, Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart converted into a fertile farm. Here they resided some forty years, and in 1869 came to their present commodious and pleasant home, situated in the eastern part of Bloomington, and here they have made all the improvements. At one time Mr. Gearhart owned 793 acres of land, but has divided it into farms, giving a portion to his children. Mrs. Gearhart died May 23, 1889, aged eighty-one years, and, although having been a victim of typhoid fever several times, she was remarkably well preserved. She and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church of Wooster.

Their son, Isaac, was born in April, 1834, and has all his life followed farming. With true filial affection he has all along remained with his parents. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is much esteemed by all who know him.

SAMUEL SWARTZ was born in Union County, Penn., June 3, 1816, and in 1819 came to Ohio with his parents, his father, John Swartz, settling in Canaan Township, Wayne County. At the age of eighteen (in 1834) Samuel first came on his future homestead, hiring out to John Miller, who had recently bought the tract of the Government, same being then regarded as mostly waste and swamp lands. Mr. Swartz continued to work as a hired hand at clearing the then unbroken wilderness, in company with his brother John, until 1839, in which year he was married to Mary Miller, daughter of his employer, a young lady of scarce sixteen summers. Mr. Swartz departed this life, at his residence in Milton Township, October 15, 1885, in the seventieth year of his age. His widow survives him, having lived on the same farm since the age of six years, and in the companionship of the departed for more than fifty years, their friendship antedating their marriage by several years. Mr. Swartz was always strong, robust and hearty, and an indefatigable worker. Under the ringing blows of his ax, which he could wield with marvelous skill, the dense forest on his land was swept away, and by the careful culture of later years his farm became noted as one of the finest in the country. He was a model farmer, taking the lead in hus-







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bandry of every kind; was enterprising and thrifty, and prosperity constantly waited upon him to crown his honest toil. He was a man of strong will and decided convictions of right and duty; and while these traits sometimes produced friction in his dealings with others, his honesty and integrity no one could question; as a neighbor he was generous and helpful and a true friend; from every vice he was remarkably free, and he had but little sympathy for any form of it in others. Of pure thought, he never uttered a profane word, or indulged in slang or vulgar speech of any kind; in dress and living he was plain, and in all his habits strictly temperate. Under the daily inspiration of such an example, it is not to be wondered that every member of his large family grew to maturity free from every form of vice. Mr. Swartz was public-spirited, and at different times he was elected to offices of public trust, which he filled creditably. Industrious and economical, at the age of forty he found himself free from debt, and most of his subsequent earnings he expended in the education and culture of his children.

He was the father of twelve children, ten of whom, six sons and four daughters, survive him, and with their children, numbering in all nearly forty, were present at his funeral. To his six sons he gave a complete collegiate education, some of them

taking a post-graduate course; the advantages of a higher education he also afforded his daughters, according to their choice. His eldest son, John M., graduated at Granville, Ohio, in 1869, and is now a prominent lawyer of Newark, and prosecuting attorney of Licking County, Ohio; Hiram B. graduated from the literary and law department of Michigan University in 1872, and was elected probate judge of Wayne County in 1887, which position he is now occupying; he was also mayor of the city of Wooster, Ohio, from 1877 to 1881; Franklin P. graduated at Granville in 1876, and from Rochester Theological Seminary in 1878 (was pastor of the Baptist Church at Loudonville, Ohio, for nine years, and is now pastor of the Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Ohio); Samuel E. graduated at Granville in 1879, and has ever since been principal of the Newark public schools; Douglas A. graduated from Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1884, after which he was appointed by Gov. Hoadly to a position in the Cleveland Asylum for the Insane, which he resigned to enter upon the study of medicine in the Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, whence he graduated in 1888, (he is now engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Canton, Ohio); Ulysses G. graduated from Adelbert College in 1886, and located in Wooster, this county, where he is engaged in the manu-



facture and sale of paints and varnishes, being at the head of the Wooster Paint Works in that city. Of the daughters, Adeline lives with her children near Sterling, Ohio, her husband, H. G. Zeigler, having died in 1879; Isabella is the widow of M. H. Murdock, of Rittman, Ohio; Sarah E. is the wife of L. B. Harris, of Newark, Ohio, and Ellen A. is the wife of Christopher Blankenhorn, a thrifty farmer of Milton Township, having bought the old home farm.

Mr. Swartz lived to see all his children converted and united with the Baptist Church, and took great comfort in their activity in Sunday-school and church work. In politics he was a life-long Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and his political faith he inculcated on his sons. He eschewed all public amusements, and successfully impressed his convictions upon every one of his children. He was converted at an early age, and united with the Dunkard Church, the cardinal doctrines of which faith he ever stoutly defended. With his brethren on some matters of dress and education he differed, and so drifted from them, but not from the hope of the gospel. As his children grew up and united with the Baptist Church, he, with his wife, joined that church at Sterling, Ohio, and he was chosen deacon. A man of prayer it was his custom to close every day with fam-

ily devotions, and here it was he gave best expression to his inner life and the desires of his soul. He prayed ever for his children, the church and the triumph of the gospel in the world, his love for all which was never-failing. Indeed, his ardent zeal for purity in life and doctrine in the membership and ministry of the church somewhat marred the peace of his latter years.

He was impatient that sin in any form should enter the household of faith. To his strong nature what seemed to some to be faults appeared to him as vices not to be endured; yet he forgave and forgot all personal wrongs, and died at peace with the whole world.

On May 4, 1881, he was stricken with partial paralysis, from which he never fully recovered. On Christmas day, 1883, he fell and broke his hip-bone, which hastened his end. His eyesight failed so he could not read, and thus he quietly suffered and waited, longing for the end to come, his mind continuing rational until the last. Surrounded by his large family of loving sons and daughters, and his ever faithful wife, who ministered to him as an angel of mercy throughout all his years of suffering, he folded his arms and closed his eyes in the calm embrace of death. Thus ended a long and useful life; thus lived and died another of that noble band of pioneers whose strong arms





and brave hearts made the wilderness here to "blossom as the rose."

A man of pure thoughts and words, and of upright life, the memory of Samuel Swartz will live in his children whom he blessed. His fellow-citizens will cherish his good example, mentioning his name in after years as one whom the community delighted to honor. His neighbors and friends will remember him as one who loved integrity and hated iniquity, a good-natured, cordial, honest man; and his brethren in the church will not forget the words of counsel, faith and hope which in the day of his strength he ever gave the cause he loved. He was interred in the family burying-ground, in the old church-yard on the hill, on the Saturday following his demise, the funeral services, which were unusually impressive, being held at the Sterling Baptist Church, Rev. P. J. Ward, pastor, conducting, assisted by Rev. William F. Sloenn, pastor of the Baptist Church at Wooster. The texts and sacred songs for the occasion were selected as those best loved and oftenest repeated by the departed. At his special request, his six sons acted as pall-bearers. Truly, of him it may be said: "His end is peace, and the memory of the just is blessed."

The above tribute is not an imaginary sketch, but was largely copied from the local papers printed soon after his death.

ELIZABETH VAN HOUTEN, the widow of Philo S. Van Houten, and a sister of Mr. George Bartol, a well-known citizen of Wayne County, was born in Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Penn., in 1820, a daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth (Jontz) Bartol, of whom reference is made in sketch of George Bartol. She was a girl of eleven years when her parents removed to this county, which has ever since been her home. At the age of nineteen, January 2, 1840, Miss Bartol was united in marriage with Philo S. Van Houten, son of Jacob and Sarah (Starr) Van Houten, who was born in Marcellus, Onondaga Co., N. Y., December 25, 1810, and came when young with his parents to Ohio, they settling in Plymouth, Richland County. Here young Philo obtained such education as was afforded by the schools of that day, and when a young man became a clerk in a dry goods store in Wooster, continuing in that occupation for a number of years.

For some time after their marriage the young couple continued to reside in Wooster, but later removed to Rowsburg, Ohio, where, however, they lived but three years, when they returned to Wooster, which they made their permanent home. In 1850 Mr. Van Houten became teller of the Wayne County Bank—now Wayne County National Bank—and at



the time of his death was its cashier, serving faithfully, and with a slight exception continuously, for thirty-one years, an ordinary generation. After laboring incessantly for twenty-three years as teller, he withdrew to take a needed rest, but soon found that an active life had become a necessity of his nature, and he accepted the position of cashier in the National Bank of Wooster, but in a year returned to the place where he had served so long and well, and was cashier until he died, April 9, 1881.

Mr. Van Houten was an ardent Republican in his political belief, but never a place-hunter. He was elected trustee of Wooster township in 1846, 1851, 1865 and in 1878, and was treasurer of the township in 1858. In 1879 he was the Republican candidate for county treasurer. For many years he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been treasurer of Ebenezer Lodge No. 33 of Wooster as far back as 1848, and worshipful master in 1853. He was always known as a zealous, conscientious Mason, in whom the cardinal principles were fully exemplified. He was a man of irreproachable private character, whose domestic life and habits were of that quiet and unostentatious kind so well calculated to endear him to family and friends. In his capacity as cashier of the Wayne County National Bank he had an enviable

reputation among business men. Universally respected for his strict integrity, good judgment and careful attention to business, he was considered a model bank officer, and his loss was deeply felt by those he so long and faithfully served. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, and his popularity among all classes is attested by the fact no man, perhaps, in Wayne County had fewer enemies. Ever generous, charitable and liberal minded, he was a man whose virtues are worthy of emulation, and whose memory will not soon be forgotten.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Van Houten has continued to reside in the house where they had passed together so many happy years. Nine children had come to bless their union, only four of whom, however, now survive, as follows: Mary, now Mrs. Wellington Curry, in Toledo, Ohio; Emma, Mrs. John Hankey, in Bowling Green; Edward, in California, and Anna, Mrs. Frank Eshelman, in Wooster. Those deceased are Jane (Mrs. Lee Scobey, who died in Wooster), Harry, Charles, John and Caroline (who died in Wooster in infancy). Like her late husband, Mrs. Van Houten is a sincere and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an ardent advocate of the cause of temperance, and a member of the organization known as the Evergreen Social Temple.





By everyone who knows her she is justly held in high esteem for the many good qualities which adorn her character.

THOMAS P. BAUMGARDNER is one of Wooster's well-known citizens and business men, and proprietor of the business place known as the "Double Store." He is a native of the Keystone State, born in Northampton County November 13, 1827. His father, Peter Baumgardner, was born in Germany, and came in boyhood to the United States. Upon reaching manhood he was united in marriage with Catherine Heller, a native of Pennsylvania. He was a farmer by occupation, and in the year 1832 removed to Ohio in search of cheaper land. Coming to Wayne County, he settled on a farm near Wooster, but did not long live to enjoy his new home, death claiming him about a year later. Besides his widow he left five children, four of whom are now living, viz.: Thomas P.; Mary, now Mrs. George Strock, of Millbrook; Julia A., Mrs. Capt. B. F. Miller, and L. S., who is proprietor of a large wholesale notion house in Toledo, Ohio. When Mr. Baumgardner came to Ohio the entire trip was made by wagon, and the farm which he purchased here was

only partly improved. Before death interfered with his plans he had bought a home in Wooster, to which he had intended to remove.

Our subject was in his seventh year when his father died, and in the spring following the widowed mother with her children removed to Wooster, later going to Salt Creek Township, where they lived upon a farm for several years, then returning to Wooster. Here Thomas P. attended school for a number of years, after which he served an apprenticeship of four years in the furniture factory of Spear & Beistle, of Wooster. This trade he followed for a number of years, when in company with his brothers he erected a large building, known as the "Arcadome," and there started a drug business. This was then the only large hall in Wooster, and at its dedication a great number of people assembled, speeches were made, and much enthusiasm manifested. In this building the brothers built up a prosperous business, but in December, 1864, our subject sold his interest to his brothers, receiving therefor the sum of \$16,000, and the following spring he purchased the American House block, and at once set about rebuilding and improving it, putting in new store-rooms, etc., which made it for many years one of the finest blocks in the city. Mr. Baumgardner occupied one of the stores



himself as a music store, doing a large trade in musical merchandise, and also in piano tuning, and is still conducting a large business in that line. He rented most of the block after its rebuilding, and in 1881 himself removed to the store-room in which he is carrying on his music business. A prominent feature in this connection is the renting of pianos, which he carries on extensively. In 1884, the music business not absorbing his whole time, he added the shoe trade, carrying an extensive and varied stock of goods in that line, and having one of the leading business houses of the city.

In 1849 Mr. Baumgardner was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth M., daughter of Philip Smith. Their wedded life was made happy by the birth of ten children: Joseph H., Edson W., Newton L., James F., Harry S. and Anna (Mrs. J. W. Emrich), all residents of Toledo, Ohio; Lizzie M., at home; Thomas, Ella and Carrie are deceased. The daughters, Anna and Lizzie M., are graduates of the Wooster High School. Both are excellent musicians, and each is mistress of that difficult instrument, the pipe organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner and family are highly respected in the community; she is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Baumgardner is a member of the Knights of Honor and the Royal Arcanum; in politics he is a staunch

and true Republican. His success in life is a gratifying one to him, and has been the more marked as he had but little aid in beginning his career. It is the legitimate result of his good judgment and steady application to business, and he may truly be called a self-made man in the best sense of the word. The family have an elegant and commodious home on Buckeye and Larwill Streets, to which they removed in 1878.

LORENZO D. CORNELL, son of Jason and Rachel (Critchfield) Cornell, was born November 26, 1854, in Chester Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. Joseph Cornell, born May 3, 1760, in Hunterdon County, N. J., his father, the first of the family of whom there is record, came from Germany with two brothers, and located in Hunterdon County, N. J., but nothing is known of his brothers after their arrival in New York. Joseph married, in New Jersey, a Miss Mary Vankirk, and afterward located in Allegheny County, Penn., in 1790, and to them four children were born: Isaac, Samuel B., Bela S. and Joseph C. The father and family moved to Mercer County, Penn., thence to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1813,



locating in Franklin Township, where he engaged in farming.

Of the children, Isaac married Miss Agnes Carson for his first wife, and for his second wife Priscilla Morgan, and removed to Porter County, Ind.; both are now deceased, but the children still live there; Samuel B. married, and moved to Winterset, Madison Co., Iowa, since which little is known of him; Bela S. sought a home in the West, but his locality is unknown; Joseph C. married Elizabeth Morgan, of Virginia, and eventually located in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. Their children are Mary Jane, who married John Stough, and removed to Bible Grove, Scotland Co., Mo. (both are now deceased, but the children still reside in Missouri); Alpha, who married Mary McConkey, and removed to Holmes County, Ohio, where he died September 2, 1888; Mercy, now Mrs. Jacob Lee, of Hicksville, Defiance Co., Ohio; Temperance, now Mrs. Reason Campbell, of Fulton County, Ohio; Phebe, now Mrs. Baize, of Fulton County, Ohio, and Jason, who married Rachel, daughter of Lorenzo Dow Critchfield, in 1847, and located in Wayne County, Ohio, where they remained until 1864, in which year they removed to Ashland County, and eventually to Shreve, where he died July 20, 1884. Mrs. Cornell is still a resident of Shreve. Their children are Milan C.,

who married Ellen Keister, and is a resident of Shreve; Tamzer E., now Mrs. E. T. Shelly, of Loudonville, Ashland Co., Ohio; Lucius T., now a resident of Shreve, and Lorenzo Dow, who received his preliminary education in Wayne County, his commercial education in the business college of Valparaiso, Ind., and is now a law student with McClure & Smyser, of Wooster. He is located at Shreve, engaged in the real estate business.

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ISAAC B. DOUGLASS was born at Uniontown, Fayette Co., Penn., February 28, 1846, and is a son of James and Naomi (Brown) Douglass, also natives of Fayette County, who, in 1862, came to Wayne County, Ohio, and located on a farm in Sugar Creek Township, where the mother died in 1864. The father then married a Miss Rector, and moved to Missouri, where he died in 1873. Isaac B. Douglass, whose name heads this biographical memoir, the only one of the family now living, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He followed agricultural pursuits for some time, but for many years has been engaged in the lumber business and operating a portable saw-mill in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County.





In 1865 he married Miss Susan, daughter of Alexander and Mary Shanklin, who were among the first settlers of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and to this union have been born nine children, named as follows: James U., Orpha A., Ira B., Howard, Henry A., Isaac A., Robert M., William W. and Ora May. Mr. Douglass, politically, is a Democrat, and is a vigorous and uncompromising exponent of the principles of his party. He has served as township assessor for four years. He is now serving his twelfth year as justice of the peace; has been school director for many years. He is a member of Central Lodge, No. 212, K. of P., of Orrville, Ohio, and is trustee and superintendent of the Sabbath-school in the Church of God (Winebrennerian).

**T**HOMAS EDSON PECKINPAUGH is a native of Wayne County, Ohio. He was born August 6, 1849, at Slankerville (now Easton), Chipewa Township, and, with the exception of about two years, has resided in the county ever since. On his father's side he is of German extraction; on his mother's, of English. His father, Thomas W. Peckinpaugh, was born in West Virginia, and in 1821, when four years of age, came to

Wayne County with his parents. By hard labor, first on the farm, then in teaching school, and finally in the practice of law, he succeeded in providing a comfortable living for a large family. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Jane E. Cotton, a native of New York State, whose grandfather was born in Boston, Mass., and was a Revolutionary soldier.

The subject of this sketch was given a fair common-school education, and developed a bent for figures. He removed to Wooster in 1861 with his father, who had just been elected county auditor. At the age of thirteen he entered the auditor's office, where he served as clerk and deputy under four different administrations, in all about six years. In 1865 he entered Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio, where he was a student for about one year, and afterward taught district schools during two succeeding winter terms. In 1868-69 he was employed in the office of B. L. Fahnstock & Co., a large wholesale drug house in Pittsburgh. Returning to Wooster in 1869, he entered the employ of the Commercial Bank, as book-keeper, and when the National Bank of Wooster was organized, in January, 1872, he was appointed teller, in which capacity he served nearly four years. In 1874 he was elected clerk of Wooster Township, serving one year, and was then





*Yours Fraternally*  
*J. E. Peckinpugh*





elected township treasurer, a position he held four successive years. In 1876 he purchased an interest in the *Wayne County Democrat*, of which Hon. E. B. Eshelman was editor, managing the business department of that paper successfully for several years, when he sold out, and again entered the public service, this time as deputy county treasurer, under John S. Caskey, in which office he remained four years. In his business career Mr. Peckinpugh has been noted for his accuracy and the strictest integrity. In the winter of 1878 he founded the *Royal Arcanum Journal*, a monthly publication in the interest of the beneficiary society whose name it bears. Finding the occupation of journalism agreeable, he has ever since continued this publication in connection with his other duties. Mr. Peckinpugh was married October 14, 1880, to Miss Kate Baker, of Wooster, daughter of the well-known architect, C. C. Baker, and has two children living, Florence M. and Helen V., a son having died from accident in 1885.

A Democrat by birth and education, our subject early espoused the cause of his party, and rendered valuable service as a member and secretary of the county executive committee. He is a consistent and earnest advocate of the principles of Democracy, but not a bitter partisan, believing, as he does, that everything good

is not confined to any one political party. In 1884 he was nominated and elected by a handsome majority to the office of county auditor for the term of three years. At the expiration of this time he was appointed by the county commissioners to fill the same office for a period of ten months, which appointment was necessitated by a change in the law fixing the time of taking office. In November, 1887, he was re-elected, by the largest majority given to any candidate upon the ticket, for another term of three years, and, should he live to fill out the full time, will have the honor of having served his county as auditor for a longer period than any of his predecessors. At the city election in April, 1889, against his wishes, he was placed upon the ticket for member of the Board of Education of Wooster, and was elected by a large majority. Considering his years, he has received marked political honors. Recognizing the great work of benevolence which is being carried forward by the various fraternal secret societies, he has become identified with some of them. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken all the degrees up to and including that of Knight Templar. At the organization of Wooster Commandery, K. T., on July 2, 1889, he was made first eminent commander. He is also a past great sachem of the Im-



proved Order of Red Men, and has been an officer of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum. He has four younger brothers and one sister, all living in Wooster.

Whatever of success in life Mr. Peckinpugh has achieved, he says is attributable to his early parental training and his close application to business. He believes in the old maxim that "whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

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**S**OLOMON K. PLANK, farmer, living on Section 28, Greene Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born March 17, 1837, on the homestead, in that township, now occupied by his mother and brother Samuel. His parents, Jephtha and Fanny (Kurtz) Plank, were born in Pennsylvania, the former in Mifflin and the latter in Huntingdon County. Grandfather Plank came to Wayne County, Ohio, while Jephtha was still a young man. He located in Wayne Township, and being quite aged, thereafter lived a retired life. Jephtha Plank, father of S. K., learned the trade of cabinet-making, and being a natural mechanic became very expert, and also was equally skillful as a worker in iron. Later he was equally successful as a practical farmer, and having bought

the farm on Section 32, Greene Township, brought it into a fine state of cultivation, and lived thereon until his death. He was twice married, first to Barbara Zook, who died, leaving four children: Hannah, born May 1, 1829, is the wife of Christian B. Brenneman, of Greene Township; Salome, born July 18, 1830, first married to Isaac Lautz, and now the wife of David Blough; Samuel and Barbara (twins), born February 23, 1832, Samuel now living on the homestead. His second wife was Fanny Kurtz, who was born June 3, 1810, is living at the old home, and now, in her seventy-eighth year, is hale and hearty. She came to this county with her parents, Abraham and Magdalena Kurtz, when twenty years of age.

They settled in Wayne Township, and by hard labor made a comfortable home in the wilderness, in which the father died. After his decease the mother lived the rest of her life with her daughter Fanny. The latter was married to Jephtha Plank in October, 1832, and bore him eight children, as follows: Joseph, a farmer of Milton, born March 3, 1834; an unnamed infant, deceased, born December 14, 1835; Solomon K., born March 17, 1837; Jonas, born April 3, 1839, died young; Gideon, born March 13, 1841, died in Missouri; Lydia, born March 16, 1842, was the wife of Gideon Hartzler, and died in Greene Township; Jacob, born



January 3, 1845, was killed when seventeen years old by his team running away; and Jephtha, born April 25, 1847, died in Michigan, leaving a widow and children. The father of this family was a man of strong religious feeling, and conscientious and consistent member of the Amish Mennonite Church, who lived up to his professions and reared his children to follow his example. He was a man of probity, and bore an irreproachable character. He was born May 12, 1803, and died October 3, 1846. The mother died May 15, 1889, after a lingering illness, but bore her suffering with great patience and Christian fortitude. She was buried in the Paradise Union Cemetery, May 17, in the presence of a large company of friends and relatives.

Solomon K. Plank, the subject of this sketch, has made farming his life-long occupation. He was nine years old when his father died, and thereafter he made his home with his mother until his marriage, on May 15, 1862, with Nancy, daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Kauffman) Hartzler, who was born October 24, 1839, on the place where she now lives, which had been the home of her parents, and was bought subsequently by her and her husband. The Hartzlers were among the early settlers of the county, were both natives of Mifflin County, Penn., and had removed here and settled on the farm in

1824, with their two eldest children, who were born in Pennsylvania. The father was born in 1796, and died in 1870. The mother died in 1874. They had eleven children, of whom are now living, sons: Levi, in Greene Township; Enos, John and Solomon, in Davis County, Iowa; Seth and Benjamin, in Cass County, Mo.; Gideon, in Greene Township, all farmers; daughters: Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Plank, of Milton Township, this county, and Nancy, wife of S. K. Plank, who was the youngest of the family; the two deceased were Sarah, who died at thirteen, and an infant unnamed. Joseph Hartzler was a plain, upright man, honest and conscientious, who dealt with others as he would be dealt by. He and his wife were members of the Amish Mennonite Church. When they immigrated to Wayne County the land was mostly covered by a dense forest, and the immigrants often grew homesick when looking at the prospect. For years their home was a log cabin, around which at first was but a small patch of cleared land. Years of unremitting toil were passed, but under their hands the farm grew, prosperity smiled upon their efforts, and their farm gradually grew to be one of the best in the neighborhood. At first their grain had to be hauled to Cleveland, where it was either sold for a small price or, more frequently, exchanged for necessities; but the hon-





ored pioneer and his wife lived to see the fruition of the hopes which brought them from their Eastern home, and died surrounded by all the comforts which their toil had gained for them and their children.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Plank are the parents of five children, viz.: Malissa Ellen, born March 20, 1863, and Adam, born March 30, 1872, living with their parents; Leo, born June 6, 1864; William Joseph, born July 5, 1866, and John F., born October 16, 1878, are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Plank are members of the Oak Grove Amish Mennonite Church, of which he is a deacon, and for many years he was one of its superintendents and teachers in its Sunday-school. He is a man of sterling integrity, of strict principle, and highly esteemed in his community. Mr. Plank's great-grandfather, Melcher Plank, was a native of Rotterdam, Holland, and soon after his marriage he and his wife accompanied some friends, who were moving to America, on board the ship. As the ship was not to leave until the next day the captain prevailed on them to remain with their friends until morning, as they would probably not see each other again. During the night, while they were asleep, the ship sailed, and when they awoke in the morning they were out of sight of land. On arriving in America they were sold

to a Mr. Morgan, of Berks County, Penn., to pay their passage. They had a family of six children: Jacob, Christian, John, Peter, Barbara and Margaret. The three first named married sisters named Yoder. Jacob and Mary (Yoder) Plank were the grandparents of Solomon K., our subject, and were early settlers of Wayne County, Ohio. The former died January 10, 1851, aged eighty-three years, two months and four days, and the latter March 28, 1850, aged seventy-nine years, one month and fifteen days. They had a family of twelve children: John, born July 31, 1792, died January 1, 1889; Christian, born November 8, 1793; Jacob, December 2, 1795; Barbara, September 26, 1797; David, August 3, 1799; Mary, July 15, 1801; Jephtha, May 12, 1803; Fanny, January 29, 1805; Abraham and Sarah (twins), April 28, 1807; Salome, March 24, 1809; Rebecca, June 5, 1811.

**C** J. MILLER was born in Wayne County in 1845. He is the son of Jacob and Magdaline (Gindlesberger) Miller. They were the parents of ten children, of whom C. J. was the sixth. The early life of C. J. Miller was spent at home on his father's farm, and he was educated in the common schools



of the county. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for five years. In 1862 he enlisted in the three-months service, in Company D, Eighty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and re-enlisted in the Ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years.

After his career in the army he returned to Wayne County, and was married, in December, 1868, to Sarah Eberly, daughter of Peter Eberly, a very prominent citizen of Wayne County. Three children have been born of this marriage: Cora Elena, Irvin Alden and Roy Edwin. In 1875 Mr. Miller purchased eighty acres of his present farm, owning now some 130 acres. He has been a successful farmer, and is among the progressive, intelligent men of Wayne County. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, a Republican in politics, and stands deservedly high in the estimation of the community.

**A**LBERT B. MACKEY was born in Maysville, Ohio, November 27, 1846, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Mackey. William Mackey, the grandfather of Albert B., was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and immigrated to America in 1808. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, and

remained in New York City, working at the same until 1813 or 1814, when he came to Wayne County, and entered a tract of land on Section 1, in Salt Creek Township, where he lived until his death, in 1869. He was an energetic, prosperous man, and one of the leading men of the township. During the War of 1812 he served in the New York militia. His family consisted of ten children, as follows: Eve (now Mrs. John Clum, of Defiance County, Ohio), Rosana, Elizabeth, Murabra, Margaret, Tamor and Sophronia (all deceased), Lucinda (now Mrs. Man-oah Franks, of Kendallville, Ind.), John (deceased) and Cyrus.

Of these, John was born in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, in 1824, and was reared on the homestead. At an early age he and one Daniel Reider laid out the town of Maysville, Ohio. After his marriage he located on a tract of land adjoining that of his father, and lived there until his death, by accident, in a saw-mill, in 1850. His wife was a daughter of James Cunningham, a native of Fayette County, Penn., who entered a tract of land in Salt Creek Township in 1816, and in 1819 located on the farm now owned by Albert B. and his brother, John, where he died May 6, 1868. John Mackey reared three children: Albert B. (our subject), Mary Jane (deceased) and John, residing on the homestead.





Albert B. was educated at Savannah Academy, in Ashland County, Smithville and Fredericksburgh, Ohio, and studied the profession of a civil engineer, which he followed for three years on the Pacific coast, during two years of which he was employed by the Government. He read law with John P. Jefferies, of Wooster, Ohio, but was never admitted to practice. He lived on the farm until 1884, when he moved his family to Apple Creek. January 1, 1874, Mr. Mackey married Clara E., daughter of Adam Henning, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, and by this union they have five children: Radie, Edwin A., Florence M., John H. and Bertha M. Mr. Mackey has served as county surveyor, and as justice of the peace of East Union and Salt Creek Townships for twelve years. He is a member of Apple Creek Lodge, No. 674, I. O. O. F., Apple Creek Lodge, No. 324, K. of P., and votes with the Democratic party.

JOHN MACKEY was born August 9, 1850, at Maysville, Ohio. He was educated at the township schools and the academy at Savannah, and has always followed farming. In 1874 he married Miss Mary Grosjean, daughter of Eugene Grosjean, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County. She died October 26, 1879, leaving one child, Eugenie. By his present wife, *nee* Mary Jane Brown, daughter of E. A. Brown, of Wooster, Ohio, Mr. Mackey has

two children: Ralph Waldo and Maud Alma. Mr. Mackey is a Republican in politics, and has served as president of the school board of Salt Creek Township for four years. He is now serving his second term as township trustee.

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CASPER L. SWART, son of Henry and Mary (Langell) Swart, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, near Edinburgh, East Union Township. The parents moved in the year in which they were married from Jefferson County, Ohio, to Wayne County. They had a family of nine children, viz.: Mary, Simon, Andrew Jackson, Casper L., Margaret S., James, Sarah, Ellen Maria and Susan. Of these, Casper L., whose name heads this sketch, was educated at the local schools of his township, was brought up on a farm, and has all his days followed the life of a husbandman. He moved on the fine farm where he now resides, in Plain Township, Wayne County, in 1836, and has greatly improved and beautified it.

Mr. Swart was married February 15, 1859, to Mary Jane Cormony, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and to this union have been born seven children, as follows: Henry, born February 7, 1860, died April



19, 1864; Flavia, born April 7, 1862, died April 17, 1864; Adrian C., born February 20, 1864; Lelia M., born August 20, 1865; Ella M., born December 1, 1867; Nora A., born January 20, 1874, and Perry L., born August 28, 1877. The mother of these children died April 10, 1885. The family are members of the Christian Church, and are regarded among the most worthy and respected citizens of Plain Township.

**J** W. KIPLINGER, son of Michael and Sarah (Keen) Kiplinger, was born in Jackson Township, Ashland Co., Ohio, August 1, 1856. Jacob Kiplinger, grandfather of J. W., and who was a native of Pennsylvania, married Barbara Bope, by whom he had thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood; he died September 13, 1845, aged seventy-nine years, twenty-nine days, his widow surviving until May 17, 1856, when she too died, aged eighty-two years and four months.

Michael Kiplinger, father of J. W., was born April 11, 1804, in Centre County, Penn., and came to Ashland County, Ohio, where he lived up to the time of his death, which occurred Novem-

ber 11, 1872. He married, March 1, 1832, Sarah, daughter of John and Catherine Keen, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in an early day, being among the early pioneers of Ashland County. Mr. Keen died March 8, 1862, aged eighty-five years, five months and fourteen days; his wife died May 6, 1862, aged eighty-one years, ten months and eighteen days. Michael and Sarah Kiplinger were the parents of ten children: Daniel, James P., Michael, John J., Edward A., Joseph W., Sarah, Hannah, Mary and Rebecca, seven of whom are living. The mother is now residing in Jackson Township, Ashland Co., Ohio, in excellent health, in her seventy-sixth year.

J. W. Kiplinger, the subject of this biographical memoir, was married in March, 1882, to Miss Adella, daughter of Jacob and Mary A. Keen, former of whom was born May 13, 1835, and died September 14, 1878; latter was born December 8, 1837. To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kiplinger has been born one child, Claude Clayton, born January 6, 1884. Mr. Kiplinger came to West Salem, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1883, and embarked in the drug business, in which he has been eminently successful. September 5, 1885, he received his commission as postmaster of West Salem, and as such his uniform courtesy and strict attention to the duties of his office have earned for him the ad-



miration and respect of the entire community. In politics he is a Democrat.

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**W**ARREN AYLESWORTH, in his lifetime a progressive farmer, was a native of Wayne County, having been born in Clinton Township, January 5, 1820. His father, Ira H. Aylesworth, was a native of Vermont, and when about twelve years of age removed to Otsego County, N. Y., and thence, in 1816, to Ohio, traveling the entire distance by wagon. While residing in New York he was married to Esther, daughter of James Gray, and a native of Massachusetts. Her ancestors for several generations were residents of the latter State, being of English descent. Mrs. Aylesworth's father was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and bore his share of the hardships and privations of those "times that tried men's souls," enlisting in the patriot army when he was only sixteen years old. Afterward he became a Revolutionary prisoner. He now lies buried in Ashland County, Ohio. Ira H. Aylesworth's ancestry were also of English descent. When Mr. Aylesworth and his young wife came to Wayne County they settled on a tract of wild land that had never known the touch of the white man's

ax or plow. They first lived in a log cabin, which Mr. Aylesworth erected with his own hands. Here they lived and reared their family, enduring the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, and here Mrs. Aylesworth died in 1843, at the age of forty-three years. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom grew to maturity, but of whom only three are now living. A number of years after his wife's death Ira H. Aylesworth married Mrs. Olive Williams, who bore him one child. In 1861, just as the troops were leaving for the front in response to President Lincoln's call, Mr. Aylesworth died, in Wooster (where he had lived for several years), from the effect of injuries received through being thrown from a wagon. He was then seventy-five years old. He served for a time as justice of the peace, and bore an important part in developing the resources of Wayne County. He led an exemplary life, and was universally esteemed.

Warren Aylesworth spent his early years on his father's farm, being born in the old log house, and afterward attending school in the pioneer log school-house. On the 1st of May, 1849, he was married to Miss Ann E., daughter of Robert and Mary (Thomas) Wilson, and a native of Huntingdon County, Penn., where she was born, October 14, 1827. Her paternal ancestors, who were of Scotch-Irish







*Warren Aylworth*



descent, came to America prior to the Revolution, in which her grandfather, Thomas Wilson, was a soldier. His sword is now in Mrs. Aylesworth's possession. Her grandmother on her mother's side, Agnes Scott, and her family were of Welsh descent. Robert and Mary Wilson came, in 1834, to what is now Ashland County, Ohio, where the father and mother died—the latter in 1843, at the age of forty-one, and the former, December 25, 1871, aged seventy-two. Mr. Wilson was an earnest Abolitionist, and attended the first free-soil convention, held at Buffalo in 1848. He was an active "conductor" on the mysterious underground railroad, his house being one of the numerous "stations." After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Aylesworth remained on the old homestead until 1874, when they removed to Wooster, and in 1876 purchased the present homestead. They had labored hard to improve and beautify their farm, and were successful in so doing. Only one child has blessed their union, and that was spared to them but a few months. Intent, however, upon doing good, they took and reared a son of Mrs. Aylesworth's brother, whose parents had died, and he remained with them until his marriage. Mr. Aylesworth always worked and voted with the Republican party until 1888, when he cast his vote for the Prohibition candidates, desiring to see his countrymen

freed from the thralldom of strong drink. He was an esteemed member of the Presbyterian Church of Wooster, as is his widow. She is also a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Warren Aylesworth died at his home in Wooster, June 24, 1889, of typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of six days, and his remains are interred in Oak Hill Cemetery, at Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio.

The Aylesworth family is one of the best known and most highly respected in Wayne County. Its members have borne their share in the work of building up the county, and causing the wilderness to "blossom as the rose." They have their reward in being well-to-do and in possessing the esteem and affection of everyone who knows them.

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**I** SAAC H. HAGUE, M. D., son of Isaac and Nancy (Dougherty) Hague, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, November 9, 1840. His paternal grandparents came from Holland, and located in Fayette County, Penn., removing to Holmes County in 1828, where the grandfather was an agriculturist. Isaac Hague, father of the Doctor, was born in Fayette County, Penn., where he married Nancy Dougherty, who was also born in Pennsylvania,





and where their children—Ruth, Jane, William and Sarah—were born; and after their settlement in Ohio Aaron, Elizabeth, Hannah and Isaac H. were born. Ruth and Jane are both residents of Holmes County, and married, the former to John Phillips, the latter to Steven R. Williams; William's residence is also there; Sarah married William McConkey, and their home is in Missouri; Elizabeth married James Miller, and their residence was in Porter County, Ind., where she died; Hannah married Josiah Moreland, also of Porter County, Ind., where she also died.

Isaac H. received his elementary education in his native county, and his classical education at Hiram College, Portage County, Ohio. He studied medicine with Dr. Joel Pomerene, of Millersburgh, Ohio, and attended a course of lectures in Cleveland, at Wooster University, from which he graduated in 1868, and in 1876 he took a special course at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. During the war, in 1862, the Doctor enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, returning home at its close, in 1865. In 1864, during the term of his enlistment, he married Rebecca, daughter of James Williams, of Holmes County, Ohio, and upon his return from the army they located for a time in Millersburgh; then he began the practice of med-

icine in Nashville, removing to Shreve in 1877, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. To Dr. and Mrs. Hague five children have been born, viz.: Ellis B.; Jennie (now Mrs. I. C. Charles, of Lucas, Richland Co., Ohio); Virga L.; Estella D., and James Harrison Garfield, named after ex-President Garfield, who was president of Hiram College during the Doctor's attendance there.

The Doctor and his wife are members of the Disciples Church; in politics he is a Republican. It is almost superfluous to add that Dr. Hague as a professional man and as a citizen deservedly holds a high position in the estimation of the community where he resides, and that he enjoys an increasing and remunerative practice.

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**J**OHN HINDMAN, one of Wayne County's earliest settlers, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, April 4, 1815, his parents being James and Ruth (Crunkilton) Hindman. The paternal grandfather of our subject was also named James, and lived and died in Franklin County, Penn., his widow thereafter making her home with her son James. The latter was all his life a farmer, and in his early manhood was



united in marriage with Ruth, daughter of Robert Crunkilton, and a native of Franklin County, Penn.

As early as 1809 our subject's father came to Wayne County, and settled on land where he proposed making his future home. After clearing a portion of it he returned to his native State, where he was married in the year 1812, and at once, with his bride, started for their new home in the then far West, in this county. Owing to Indian troubles in this region, they stopped in Columbiana County, Ohio, where they rented land, and stayed there until 1816. Everything being now quiet in this region, they came to Wayne County in that year, and here lived the remainder of their lives. They had to endure the hardships and privations of the life of the early pioneers, and for years pumpkin butter, as a substitute for apple butter, was an article of daily food. Little do the younger people of to-day realize the privations endured by the early pioneers, who laid the foundation of the prosperity Wayne County is to-day enjoying. About the year 1858 death called the hardy pioneer from his labors, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a man of great physical strength, but the arduous toil of pioneer life shortened his days. He had an inclination for military matters, and was captain of the first militia company organized in Wayne

County. Later he became major of the first regiment, and still later was elected colonel. In his political views he was a Jackson Democrat, and was active in public affairs, having filled various offices of trust in the county, as township trustee, county commissioner, etc. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1873, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. Their union had been blessed by the birth of seven children, three of whom are yet surviving: John, James (on the old homestead) and Ruth (Mrs. Adam Eyman, of Wooster). The deceased were Maria, wife of George Vallandigham, of East Union Township; Crooks, who died in Wells County, Ind., and two who died in infancy.

John Hindman remained on his father's farm until he reached the years of manhood, and in 1839 was united in marriage with Nancy, daughter of Theophilus and Mary Phillips, and a native of Fayette County, Penn., who came with her parents to Wayne County, where she grew to womanhood. For two years the young couple remained upon the home farm, but in 1841 they removed to Edinburgh, this county, where he engaged in mercantile business, in partnership with David Clark, the connection continuing until 1850, when they sold out. He was also postmaster from 1844 to 1850, when he re-



signed. Prior to this they had together bought a farm of 135 acres, and on the dissolution Mr. Hindman bought his partner's interest, and, later, purchased 206 acres adjoining, giving him a fine farm of over 300 acres of choice land. In 1853, when the railroad was built, it ran across Mr. Hindman's land, on a part of which the depot was erected. The following year, 1854, he laid out and platted a village, which he named Apple Creek. He remained upon his farm until 1868, when he rented it, and removed to Wooster, which has since been his home. Mr. Hindman and his esteemed wife are parents of eight children, of whom the following is recorded: Mary, wife of O. K. Griffith, of Orrville, this county; William, a resident of Crestline, Ohio; Ruth, wife of J. G. Jackson, of Toledo; James died near Apple Creek, Ohio; Ann, wife of S. B. Eason, of Wooster; Martha, wedded to T. H. Cunningham, of Wooster, and two children who died in infancy. Nancy, the wife of Mr. Hindman, died at Wooster, Ohio, August 21, 1877, in the sixty-first year of her age.

The life of Mr. Hindman has been one of activity and labor. All his lifetime he has been a temperate man, having never used either intoxicating liquor or tobacco, and to-day, at the honored age of seventy-four years, he is hale and hearty. As one of the pioneers of the county

he will long be remembered, and as an upright man and good citizen he has always stood high in the estimation of his fellow-men. He has contributed liberally of his time and means to all projects having for their aim the upbuilding of the county, and has always justly borne the reputation of a public-spirited citizen. He, as was his beloved wife, is an esteemed member of the Presbyterian Church of Wooster. He is an adherent of the Democratic party, and has served two terms as director of the Wayne County Infirmary.

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**G**EORGE MATHES is a son of Martin and Margaret (Rott) Mathes, natives of France, who came to America in 1843, and settled in Canaan Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. The father, who was a prominent member of the Reformed Church, died in 1883; his widow still survives him. They reared eight children, five of whom are living: Margaret, wife of Jacob Weimer, of Holmes County, Ohio; Sarah, wife of Jacob Broomter, in Wooster Township, Wayne County; George; Barnhart, in Michigan; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Hope, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The subject of these lines was born in France, December 2, 1833; came to





Wayne County with his parents, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years. In 1860 he purchased the farm adjoining him, and in 1884 traded that for his present farm of 140 acres, in Canaan Township, Wayne County. In 1860 he married Christina, daughter of Balsar Haas, of Canaan Township. She died in 1872, leaving four children: Alice, wife of Ernest Benjamin, of Medina County, Ohio; Emma, wife of Ellis W. Zehner, in West Salem (has one child, an infant); Ida, wife of Deforest Smith, of Canaan Township; Matilda, at home. Mr. Mathes' present wife is Louisa, daughter of Charles Galwitz, of Holmes County, and by her he has two children, Jessie and Charles. Mr. Mathes is a member of the Republican party, with prohibition proclivities, and has filled various township offices. At present writing he holds the office of school director. He is an elder in the Reformed Church of Canaan.

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**L**EWIS STACHER, farmer, was born in Washington County, Penn., in 1833, a son of Christopher and Rebecca (Snyder) Stacher. In 1835 the parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and first settled in Canaan Township, but

subsequently removed to Congress Township, where the father died at the age of forty-five years. He was never a robust man, and for several years prior to his death was unable to perform the duties of farm life. His wife survived him for several years, dying at the age of fifty-seven. They had a family of seven children: Eli, Mary Ann, Sarah Ann, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Lewis and Solomon B.

The children were reared in Wayne County, Lewis, the subject of our sketch, being but two years old when his parents made this county their home. Deprived of the care of a father early in life, he was obliged to assist in the work of the farm, his educational advantages being but limited. Since reaching manhood he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, and is now one of the prosperous farmers of the township. His reputation for honesty and integrity is evidenced by the official honors conferred upon him by his fellow-citizens, having served as trustee of the township, and also as justice of the peace six years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party. He was married in 1861 to Miss Margaret McKee, daughter of Thomas McKee, and to them were born two children: Thomas C. (deceased), and Carrie Bell, at home. Mrs. Stacher died September 24, 1885.



**M**oses MORRETT, a well-known and respected citizen of Wooster, is a native of Cumberland County, Penn., born June 5, 1825. His father, Michael Morrett, was likewise a native of that State, of mixed German and French lineage, his ancestors having settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. Michael Morrett was a farmer, and was married to Catherine Young, also a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Matthias and Gertrude Young. Michael Morrett died in his native State in 1840, and his wife in 1847. They were the parents of three sons and six daughters, the sons being now the only survivors of the family. Our subject is the only one living in Ohio; Michael occupies the Pennsylvania homestead, and Samuel is a resident of Kosciusko County, Ind.

The subject of this sketch spent his life on the farm until he was eighteen years of age. His chances for school education in his earlier youth were very limited, being kept out of school much of the time to attend to work which the lack of machinery in those days imposed upon the farmer boy; nevertheless, he became a well-educated man. Later, for a few terms, he attended an academy at Shippenburgh, in his native county, and also spent a time in Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Penn. When qualified he began teaching school, following that profession

for twenty-two years. He was also engaged in mercantile business at Churchtown, in his native county. In 1851 Mr. Morrett was united in marriage with Miss Adeline E., daughter of Daniel and Cassiah (Bowman) Krysher, all natives of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Morrett was born one child, Ida May, who became a finely educated young lady, and was a teacher of music; she died at the age of twenty-five. In 1858 Mr. Morrett moved to Wayne County, Ohio, where he followed his profession of teaching most of the time until 1872. For six years he was principal of the school at Smithville, in this county, and for four years principal of the grammar school of Wooster. In 1872 he was appointed internal revenue storekeeper for the district, and several years later was appointed gauger, combining the two positions. At the beginning of President Cleveland's administration, in 1885, he withdrew from the service, and has since been book-keeper in Plank Brothers' mill, in Wooster.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrett are much-respected members of society. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church in Wooster, he being an active worker in the Sabbath-school, where for many years he has been a highly successful teacher in the Bible class. He is a strong Republican, and has been elected justice of the peace, both in Pennsylvania and Ohio.





In 1887 he was made president of the Board of Trustees of the Wooster Water Works. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Odd Fellows order. He and his wife live in a comfortable home on East Liberty Street, Wooster, and enjoy the good-will and friendship of everyone who has the pleasure of knowing them.

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**D** Q. LIGGETT (deceased), who in his lifetime was a well-known and highly respected citizen of Wooster, Wayne County, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, December 27, 1821. His boyhood and early manhood days were spent on his father's farm, and at twenty-one he commenced clerking in a dry goods store at Nashville, in his native county, in which business he later became a partner, subsequently purchasing the concern. In 1860 he sold out, and removed to Wooster, where he again commenced a mercantile career, continuing in the same until his death, which occurred February 15, 1886.

Mr. Liggett was a man of sterling business principles, and a hard worker, often laboring beyond his strength. For some years previous to his decease his health had failed, and his existence for a long

time seemed to be a close struggle between life and death. Not alone is Mr. Liggett to be spoken of as a successful business man, for in his social life his many virtues and acts of benevolence, done in a quiet, unassuming manner, will remain forever in the memory of those who knew him best; and his loss as a useful citizen will long be felt in the two counties of which he had been a resident. In his life's work he was ever nobly aided by his loving wife, who stood by him and encouraged him in the many struggles to be met with on the highway to affluence; and the elegant home where the widow now resides, one of the handsomest in the city of Wooster, is the result of their united labor, good management and economy. To the building of old Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church (of which he was a member), at Wooster, Mr. Liggett contributed largely. When a young man he became identified with the I. O. O. F.; politically he was a staunch Republican.

May 26, 1846, he became united in marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of James and Catherine (Solenders) Munnhall, and a native of Cumberland County, Penn., born August 13, 1823, her parents being both of the same county. Her maternal grandparents came to America from Germany, and her paternal ancestry from Ireland. When Mrs. Liggett was a child, her parents came to Holmes Coun-

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ty, and here followed farming until their deaths, the father dying when over eighty years of age, and the mother about two years later. They had a family of seven children, as follows: John, in Holmes County, Ohio; James, in Illinois; Henry and Francis, both of whom died in Illinois; Mary A., now Mrs. John Boyd; Sarah, now Mrs. Charles Yocum, near Warrenton, Mo., and Elizabeth, Mrs. D. Q. Liggett. Mrs. Liggett spent her early life on the farm until her marriage, when she and her husband resided in Nashville, as already related. No children were born to this worthy couple, and the devoted wife in her widowhood is left alone to mourn the loss of her husband, and quietly await the summons that will call her to an eternal reunion.

**J**OHAN D. EBRIGHT, son of Abram B. and Tamar (Freese) Ebright, was born in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1859. His grandfather, George Ebright, was a native of Cumberland County, Penn., born in 1782. He there received a practical education, and May 6, 1806, married Barbara Brunner, also a native of the same county, born October 14, 1786. During the year 1834 they removed to Ohio, and located in

what is now Wooster Township, Wayne County, but removed to Plain Township, one mile south of Blachleyville, and afterward to a farm two miles farther south, where they spent the remainder of their days.

They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: John B., born February 14, 1807, married to Rachel Burtner October 4, 1832, located in Cumberland County, Penn., where he died February 14, 1849, leaving one child, Edwin G., who with his mother moved to Clinton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where they still live; Elizabeth, born May 10, 1809, remained at home until the decease of her father, and now has her home with Mrs. A. B. Ebright, of Plain Township; Hannah K., born March 11, 1811, married Henry Oldroyd in March, 1834, and immediately removed to Clinton Township, Wayne County (they were the parents of seven children, only five of whom are now living: Elmer G., Charles W., A. B., W. F. and T. B.); George, born January 11, 1813, married May 1, 1839, to Rachel Hathaway, of Fairfield County, Ohio, where they remained until his decease, March 20, 1864, when Mrs. Ebright, with her children, removed to Ashland County, thence to Wayne County, and she is now a resident of Wooster (their children were Pulaska, Elizabeth, L. S., Ollie, Martha, Joseph and May G.); Ann,



born May 20, 1815, married to Thomas Battles March 11, 1842, located in Clinton Township (their only surviving children are Ann and Susie); Abram B.; Mary, born May 6, 1821, married May 12, 1844, to William B. Baker, located in Indiana, and have three children: Byron L., Elizabeth and Amy; Thomas, born April 14, 1824, married to Nancy Leggett June 15, 1854, located at Nashville, Holmes Co., Ohio, and had four children, two of whom are living: Catherine and Cady; William P., born March 12, 1827, died October 31, 1827, and two children died in infancy.

Of these, Abram B. was born March 27, 1818, in Cumberland County, Penn., and April 22, 1841, married Tamar Freese; located at Millbrook, Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he carried on teaching and farming. He taught during the winters for a period of twenty years, devoting his attention during the summers to the farm. He was one of the representative men of his township, and was held high in favor by its citizens. His death occurred July 27, 1887. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Abram B. Ebright were Frances, deceased; Arta D., the late Mrs. David Sloane, of Ashland County; E. F., who married Miraba Miller, and located in Ashland County; Ulila, who died when eight years of age; Melvin C., an attorney of Ashland County, having been ad-

mitted to the bar about a year before his death, which occurred April 13, 1879; George J., married to Ella Oswalt, and located in Plain Township, Wayne County, and John D., who married, December 28, 1882, Della M., daughter of Benjamin Leyda, of Clinton Township, and located in Plain Township, Wayne County, where he became a farmer. Preferring, however, a mercantile life to one of the farm, he removed to Shreve in March, 1886, and established himself in business as dealer in boots and shoes, etc., and is one of the prominent and active business men of that enterprising village. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ebright are the parents of two children: Ethel Elizabeth, born November 6, 1883, and Glen Leyda, born August 17, 1885. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Ebright is a Republican, and he is a member of the council.

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**F**IKE FAMILY. This family is now represented as its head by George Fike, a retired farmer living at Orrville, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, November 7, 1825, and was in his twelfth year when he came here with parents, Michael and Eva Fike. They came direct from New York to Canaan





Township, Wayne County, and settled upon a farm, which is still in the possession of the family. Michael Fike died in Sandusky City, Ohio, while temporarily staying with a daughter, Mrs. Emeline Voigt, in April, 1886, at the age of eighty-two years. His widow lives with the same daughter, and is eighty-nine years old. They had seven children, viz.: Michael, living in Sandusky City; Jacob, who died in the old country, aged fifteen; John, who lives in Canaan Township, Wayne County; George, in Orrville; Frederick, in Canaan Township; Adam W., in Wayne Township, and Emeline, in Sandusky City.

George Fike, in his sixteenth year, went into a bakery at Wooster, where he stayed a couple of years, and then for several years clerked in a tin and stove store at Akron, Ohio. He then started a general store at Mansfield, Ohio, which he sold, and then bought a foundry at Loudonville, Ashland Co., Ohio, which he afterward sold, and bought a farm in Canaan Township, Wayne County. Disposing of this four years later, he bought another in Clinton Township, which was his home for thirteen years. Again he sold, and bought in Canaan Township, which two years later he sold, and bought the farm in Greene Township which is occupied by his son, George A. This was his home for twenty-three years, when he retired to

a well-earned repose, building a handsome and commodious residence in the village of Orrville. January 26, 1850, Mr. Fike was married to Miss Catherine Rinehart, born in Alsace-Lorraine, October 25, 1825, who came to this country with her parents when six years old. They have six children: Louisa E., William A., George A., Joseph B., Jacob M. and Mary J. Mr. and Mrs. Fike are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been treasurer and trustee. He is a man of shrewd judgment, entirely self-made, and highly respected.

WILLIAM A. FIKE, farmer, living on Section 14, Greene Township is the eldest son of George Fike, and was born in Canaan Township, February 12, 1853. His education was received in the district schools, after which for a time he worked at the bakery and confectionery business for awhile in Wooster. Preferring farm life, he returned to his father's, where he remained until his marriage. September 5, 1876, he was married to Mary A., daughter of Henry B. and Elizabeth Hoover, whose history appears on another page. She was born June 4, 1854, in the house where she now lives, and where her parents also live with her. Mr. and Mrs. Fike are the parents of four children, one of whom, Ida Grace, died at the age of eleven months. The survivors are Ada May, Alpha



Emma and William Henry Frederick. Mr. and Mrs. Fike also adopted in September, 1878, a young girl, Cora Maud Ensworth, an orphan, then six years of age, whom they took from the Fairmount Orphan Home, at Alliance, Ohio, and who has been to them as their own. After his marriage Mr. Fike removed to the farm where he now lives, which for three years he rented from his wife's father. The following year was spent with his wife's parents on a place adjoining, and he then, in 1880, bought a farm near Smithville, on which they lived for two years, when he sold it, and bought store property in Smithville. He and his wife, however, returned to the farm which has since been their home, and which he works. Mr. and Mrs. Fike are members of the German Reformed Church of Orrville, of which he is both deacon and clerk, a responsible trust for so young a man, but one which he discharges faithfully and satisfactorily. He has never lived out of Wayne County, and his life-long neighbors bear testimony to his integrity and his character as a good man and good citizen.

GEORGE A. FIKE is the second son of George Fike, and was born in Clinton Township, November 27, 1854. He attended the district schools, and later entered Prof. Eberly's select school at Smithville. After leaving there he engaged in teaching in his native county, and after-

ward for two years in the State of Iowa. Coming back to Wayne County, he engaged in merchandising in Smithville, where he remained four years, but, preferring the life of a farmer, bought a farm in Canaan Township, which he yet owns. On that place he lived until his father's retirement, when the latter wished him to take the homestead, which he did. May 15, 1879, Mr. Fike was married to Miss Ida E. Caskey, of Wayne Township, where she was born December 1, 1860. They have two children: Della M. and Pearl M. The parents of Mrs. Fike are residents of Wayne Township, where the family have long been settled. Her father, George Caskey, was born on the place where he now lives, which is the family homestead. Her mother was Miss Catherine Burkholder, and also is yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Fike are members of the Lutheran Church at Smithville, and he bears the reputation of a young man of high principles and strict integrity.

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DR. BENJAMIN F. HOY was born in Holmesville, Holmes Co., Ohio, June 22, 1861. His parents are Dr. George W. and Mary A. (Spearman) Hoy. The subject of this biographical memoir received his literary education at





Muskingum College, his medical education at Toledo and Columbus, and he graduated from Toledo Medical College in 1883. He first located in Belmore, Putnam Co., Ohio, where he practiced his profession for three years. In 1886 he came to Apple Creek, and here now enjoys an extensive practice. In 1887 the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Fannie F., daughter of T. J. Cross, of Putnam County, Ohio. Dr. Hoy has always taken an active part in Republican politics, and is chairman of the township committee. He is at this writing a candidate for the office of coroner. He is a member of Apple Creek Lodge, No. 324, K. of P., Apple Creek, Ohio, Northwestern Ohio Medical Association, and Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association.

THOMAS FERGUSON, son of Walter and Rebecca (Paul) Ferguson, is a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., born June 7, 1825. His father was a native of Ireland, born in 1786, and his mother was a native of Pennsylvania. They came with their family, including Thomas, our subject, to Wayne County, Ohio, in October, 1829, and located on Section 15, Congress Township. The father died in 1871, the

mother in 1849. The father was twice married, and had a family of ten children, five born to each marriage. Rebecca Paul was his second wife. Two of the family are yet living. Walter Ferguson the father of Thomas, came with his father to this continent in 1789. They resided a few years in Cumberland County, Penn., and then moved to Westmoreland County, same State. Thomas, the subject of this memoir, was married in October, 1849, to Rebecca Jane, daughter of James Patterson, who came to Wayne County, Ohio, sixty years ago, becoming one of the first settlers of Congress Township, where he died in February, 1867. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were born eight children, all now living except one: James W., born December 17, 1850; Sydney M., born June 13, 1853, died October 13, 1882; Emma V., born July 1, 1855; Reuben B., born May 18, 1858; Ohio P., born April 27, 1860; Charles E., born October 29, 1862; Thomas V., born October 10, 1864; Mary J., born September 11, 1867.

Although our subject's opportunities for obtaining an education were very limited in his day, as compared with the present, still his assiduous application to his books and steady perseverance in his studies have placed him above the average on the roll of well-read men in his county. For some time, while a young man, he



taught school, and in after years his judgment and intelligence were recognized by the community in selecting him to assist in making the township assessments under the new law, and he has since served many times in the same capacity. Mr. Ferguson has for many years been a leader among the agriculturists and stock-raisers of Wayne County, where his sixty years of continuous residence places him among the foremost of the pioneers. He owns the old homestead on Section 15, before referred to, where his father so long lived, besides an excellent farm, one and a half miles west of the old farm place, where he at present resides. Politically he is a Republican, having been an old-line Whig in his earlier life.

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**W**ILLIAM P. BARNES is a son of James and Asenath (McIntire) Barnes, natives of West Virginia, who came to Wayne County, Ohio, about 1828, and entered the farm in Canaan Township which is now owned by their son William P. They died, the father in 1855, the mother in 1885. James Barnes was formerly a Whig, and afterward a Republican. They reared ten children, as follows: Harrison, Rebecca, Emily E. and Franklin E., all deceased; Melissa,

wife of James Orr, Tabitha C., wife of Adam Smith, James A., Delilah, wife of Henry Snell, Jemima C., single, and William P., all living in Canaan Township. Franklin E. was a soldier of the Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company K, and died at Camp Dennison, Ohio.

The subject of this memoir was born on the homestead he now owns, in Canaan Township, December 23, 1847, and has since resided here. In 1878 he married Miss Viola J., daughter of Eli Snell, of Canaan, Wayne County, and by this union there have been two children, but one now living—Harrison; Clyde is deceased. Mr. Barnes is a member of the Republican party, and has served as township trustee for a number of years. He is a member of Creston Lodge, No. 245, K. of P., and one of the highly respected citizens of Wayne County.

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**W**ILLIAM H. SMITH was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in April, 1830, and is a son of Joseph G. and Mary (Frank) Smith. His paternal grandfather was Andrew Smith, formerly of Centre County, Penn., who settled about 1829 in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which



he lived and died. His children were three in number, viz.: James, Joseph G. and William, all now deceased. Joseph G., at his father's death, succeeded to the homestead, where he resided until his death, in 1872. His family consisted of six children, viz.: William H., Mettie (Mrs. John B. Zimmerman), Charles P., Arthur, Howard and Alice.

The maternal grandfather of William H. Smith was Henry Frank, a native of Germany, born October 30, 1787, and who immigrated to America in 1791 with his parents, who located in Washington County, Penn. In 1792 his parents died, and he was bound out to a farmer until twenty-one years of age, receiving for his services two suits of clothes and one pair of shoes per year. At seventeen years of age he ran away, and learned the potter's trade. In 1822 he came to Wayne County, Ohio, locating in Canaan Township, where he worked at his trade and cleared a farm. In 1840 he moved to Chippewa Township, settling on the farm now occupied by his children, which he also cleared and improved, and here he resided until his death, which occurred in 1861. His wife was Jane, daughter of Charles and Mary A. Provines, of Washington County, Penn., and by her he had five children, as follows: Margaret, Mary (Mrs. Joseph G. Smith), Elizabeth (Mrs. Almon Butler), James P., and Maria J.

(Mrs. Newell Collins). Mr. Frank was a member of the Presbyterian Church; in politics he was a Republican.

The subject proper of this memoir was reared and educated in his native township. In early manhood he taught school, winters, working on the farm in summers. For four years he was a clerk in the hardware store at Doylestown of which he is now one of the proprietors, having purchased an interest in the business in 1885. December 27, 1870, he married Maria J., daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Crawford) Lucas, of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, and by her has two children: Rhoda and Lucy E. Mr. Smith is one of the representative citizens and business men of Doylestown, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Royal Arcanum; he is a Republican.

PHILIP PFEIFFER is one of the representative farmers of Chester Township. His father, Philip Pfeiffer, was a native of Bavaria, Germany, born in 1793. He was married in his native country to Elizabeth Reinhammer, and in 1833 they left their native land and set sail for the United States. They came direct to Wayne County, Ohio, and located in Chester Township, where



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he bought 110 acres of land, which together they improved, making it their home until death. They were prominent citizens of the township and esteemed members of the Lutheran Church. The father died in 1856, and the mother in 1872. They had a family of ten children, five born in Germany and five in Ohio: Elizabeth, Catherine, Jacob, Philomena, Caroline, Susan, Philip, George, Sarah and Louisa.

The second son, Philip, was born and reared on the homestead where he now lives. His interests have always been for the prosperity of his native county, and whatever promises to be of benefit finds in him a hearty supporter. He has never married, but makes his home with a sister on the old home farm. He has been industrious and frugal, and has made many improvements on the farm. In politics he is a Democrat.

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**G** J. EBRIGHT, the owner of the Longmeadow Stock Farm, in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, is a son of A. B. and Tamar (Freese) Ebright, both natives of Pennsylvania. A. B. Ebright came to Ohio with his parents in 1834. He started in life without any worldly possessions, but with willing

hands and a determination to succeed. He taught school for a period of fourteen years, in four sub-districts of Plain Township. His first purchase of land was the farm now owned by his son, J. D. Ebright, in 1843. By prudence and industry he accumulated an excellent competency, which enabled him, before his death, to give each of his children a secure start in life. He was an active, efficient and consistent worker in and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In educational affairs he occupied the front rank in building up our common-school system. He was a great reader, a fluent talker, and well informed on the leading questions of the day. He devoted a liberal portion of his time to every enterprise for bettering the interests of humanity. "The elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'this was a man.'" In June, 1880, he was stricken with paralysis, by reason of which he gradually failed, till death relieved him of his sufferings July 27, 1887. His widow, Mrs Tamar Ebright, still survives him. As a helpmate, she was such in the highest sense of the word. Her life has been devoted to those with whom she was associated, exerting an influence by her Christian character that the sharp edges of the world cannot efface. Their children were as follows: Francis, born April 19, 1842; Artmisa,



born May 31, 1843, died September 13, 1869; E. F., born October 2, 1845, living in Ashland County, Ohio; Ulaia, born May 11, 1851, died in August, 1855; M. C., born December 2, 1853, died April 13, 1879; G. J., born September 5, 1856; J. D., born June 17, 1859.

G. J. Ebright attended a commercial school at Akron, Ohio, and Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio, after which he taught school for five years, then settled in Plain Township, where he follows farming and breeding thorough-bred Short-horn cattle. He is a man in which the characteristics of his father are strongly stamped, being energetic and a man of the day. In 1882 he married Ella Oswald, of Wayne County, Ohio, and their union has been blessed with the following-named children: Ulaia, born July 13, 1883; Melville, born August 5, 1885, both living. Mr. Ebright and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

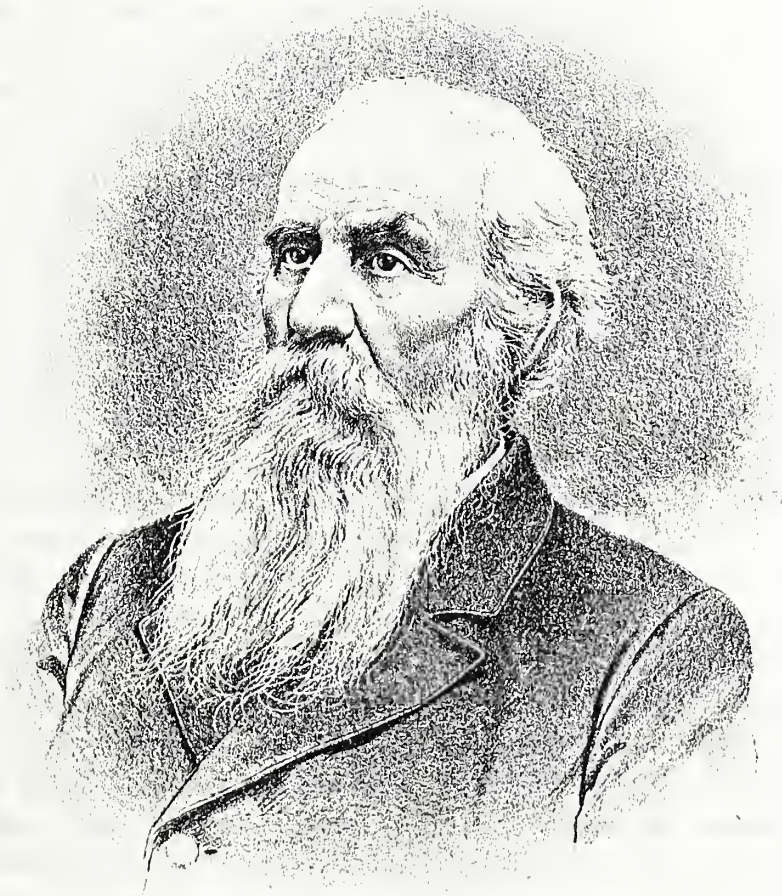
**D**R. WILLIAM W. TAGGART, one of the well-known and highly esteemed physicians of Wooster, Wayne County, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, August 20, 1819. His grandfather, John Taggart, came to the United States from Ireland in 1771, and

on the breaking out of the Revolution entered the ranks of the Continental army, serving until the close of the struggle. By occupation he was a farmer, living first in York County, Penn., and from there removing to Jefferson County, Ohio, and finally to Belmont County, same State, where he died in October, 1830, at the age of about eighty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane McCartney, bore him nine children, four sons and five daughters.

Isaac Taggart, father of the subject of this memoir, and also a farmer, was a native of Little York, Penn., born in 1780. He came with his parents to Jefferson County, Ohio, about the year 1797, and here grew to manhood on his father's farm. At the breaking out of the War of 1812 he enlisted in the army, and spent one winter in camp at Mansfield, Ohio. After the war he returned to the farm, and married Margaret, daughter of William and Margaret (Jackson) McCaughey, and a native of Chester County, Penn. Both her parents came from Ireland to America about the year 1770, and her father became a soldier in the War of the Revolution. About 1801 they moved to Jefferson County, Ohio, where Mr. McCaughey followed his trade, that of weaver, and in 1836 he broke the thread of life, at the age of over seventy years. His widow died at the home of her daughter (the







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mother of our subject), in Belmont County, Ohio, in her ninety-fourth year. Two sons and four daughters blessed their wedded life. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taggart moved to Belmont County, Ohio, where they set to work to clear for themselves a home out of the forest. John Taggart had purchased here 400 acres of wild land, and gave each of three of his sons 100 acres. On this farm they spent the remainder of their lives, and in June, 1830, Mr. Taggart was called from his labors; his widow died in 1869, at the age of ninety-three years. They were quiet, progressive people, Mr. Taggart taking little active part in political affairs. His widow retained her memory to a remarkable degree up to the day of her death. They were the parents of five children who grew to maturity, four sons and one daughter, all of whom, save our subject and one brother, have passed from earth. Of these, Isaac, an M. D., died in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1862; John, a farmer, died in Illinois in 1886; Margaret died at the age of eighteen years; Joseph now resides on the old homestead.

Dr. Taggart, the subject of this commemorative sketch, was but eleven years old when his father died, and being the eldest son in the family had early in life to assume the duties of a man—working on the farm in summer, and attending the

old-time district schools in winter. When in his seventeenth year he commenced school-teaching, a profession he followed for five terms. His summers he spent at Franklin College and in private schools, where he was prosecuting his literary studies; but having made up his mind that the medical profession should be his life-work, he began its study in the spring of 1841, in the office of Dr. H. West, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, with whom he remained two years, during which time he attended a course of lectures at Willoughby, same State. In the spring of 1843 he commenced practice at Vienna, Harrison Co., Ohio, but, not liking the place, he came to Wayne County in June, same year, locating at Smithville. In 1846-47 he attended a course of lectures at Cleveland Medical College, from which he graduated the same year. June 1, 1843, Dr. Taggart was united in marriage with Margaret McCaughey, daughter of William and Jane McCoy, and a native of Stark County, Ohio, born in March, 1817, and together they came to Smithville, as above related. In 1860 he bought a farm some two miles east of Wooster, on which he resided eight years, still practicing his profession, and in 1868 he moved finally to the city of Wooster, where he has since made his home. On the 23d of January, 1884, death took from him his beloved wife, then in her









great hereafter in December following. They had spent a long and happy life together, and in death were not long sundered. This worthy couple had one son and three daughters, as follows: Catherine, widow of Benjamin Norton, of Reedsburgh, Wayne County; Lucetta, wife of W. D. Rath, of Wayne Township; G. P., and Lydia, wife of Dr. W. H. Hayes, of Lansing, Mich. The father was a public-spirited man, and an ardent worker in every enterprise for the good of Wayne County, where he owned a considerable quantity of land. From childhood he and his wife had been members of the Lutheran Church, and both possessed in a marked degree the confidence of their fellow-men.

The early life of the subject of this sketch was passed on his father's farm, which he afterward owned. His earliest education was received in the primitive district schools of the day, but after coming to Ohio he had an opportunity to attend a select school, established to meet the need felt for a better education than was common at that day. When twenty-two years old he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Fryberger, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Fryberger, of Berks County, Penn. After a happy wedded life of about a score of years, she passed to her last sleep in April, 1863, at the age of forty-one years, leaving four children,

viz.: Elizabeth L., wife of Rev. C. E. McKane, of Kansas City, Kans.; Jacob W., a manufacturer of Toledo, Ohio; Alice, now Mrs. W. H. Felger, of Mansfield, Ohio, and Florence, wife of Rev. C. H. Rockey, of Columbia City, Ind. In 1862, the Civil War being in progress, Mr. Emrich raised a company for the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment Ohio Infantry, and was commissioned its captain. He saw active service, and took part in the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Arkansas Post, and in minor engagements. On account of failing health he resigned April 1, 1863, and reached home but two weeks before the death of his faithful wife.

In August, 1865, Capt. Emrich was again married, his bride being Miss Kate Garver, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Lucas) Garver. Her father was an early settler in Wayne County, and a leading elder in the Dunkard Church. Capt. Emrich owned the homestead farm, on which he made his home until the spring of 1880. By this second union two children were born: Charles F., a resident of San Antonio, Tex., and Edward L., a graduate in the classical course of Wooster University of the class of 1889, now engaged in the study of medicine in the office of Drs. J. H. Stoll & Ryall, in Wooster, Ohio.

In 1859 the brick for our subject's commodious home on North Market

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Street, Wooster, was made on the home farm, and the house was built in 1860. That same year the Captain was a candidate for the office of county clerk, but, being an ardent Republican, while the county was strongly Democratic, he was naturally defeated, although running several hundred ahead of his ticket, showing the estimation in which he is held by those who know him best. Several years later he was a candidate for county treasurer, and again he was nearly elected. In the township of Wayne he was elected township clerk and justice of the peace a number of terms.

In 1880 Capt. Emrich left the farm and came to the home which he had built in Wooster, and has ever since resided there. With four others he formed a banking association in 1865, under the name of Bonewitz, Emrich & Co., which afterward became the National Bank of Wooster, and was president of the same for fifteen years. Their business was not confined to Wayne County, they having business connections elsewhere, notably in Philadelphia and New York. Capt. Emrich also engaged in dealing in real estate, which he is still following at this writing. He is an outspoken, thorough-going business man, whose word can always be depended upon, and who possesses the confidence and respect of those who know him. He is ever willing to help any proj-

ect for the good of the neighborhood and county. Both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church of Wooster, and the latter is closely identified with the women's organizations of the church. He is a Master Mason, and a member of the G. A. R.

**O**N. STODDARD, LL. D., of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, is a descendant of the well-known Massachusetts family of that name, his ancestors having been among the Puritans who settled in Boston at an early day. His grandfather, Orange Stoddard, was a general in the Continental army during the struggle for independence. His father, James Stoddard, was married to Miss Lucy Steel.

The subject of these lines was born August 23, 1812, in the State of New York, and received his education at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., graduating in 1836. He then spent a few years in Virginia, two and a half years in Washington, D. C., and three years in Kentucky, and in 1845 became identified with the Miami University, where he filled the chair of natural science and chemistry, and for a time was president *pro tem*. This position he resigned in 1870, removing to Wooster to accept a professorship in the university there, which had just





been opened. In this connection he continued until 1884, when he resigned. Since then Dr. Stoddard has given a yearly course of lectures to the senior class of the university upon the "Relations of Mind to Body." While at the Miami University Dr. Stoddard kept complete records of the rain and snow fall, temperature, etc., and since coming to Wooster has given the same subjects considerable attention, reporting the results of his observations to the Ohio Bureau of Meteorological Research, and also to the Weather Bureau at Washington.

Dr. Stoddard has been three times married. His first wife lived only about fifteen months, and died in Washington, D. C. His family consists of four daughters by his second marriage: the eldest is Mrs. Lucy S. Hamilton, of Washington Court House, Fayette Co., Ohio; Mrs. Alice Ankeney, of Alpha, Ohio; Louise W., who is unmarried and living with her father, and Mrs. Mary S. Longbrake, of Minneapolis, Minn. The Doctor is a man of decided political views, but has never taken an active part in public affairs. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Wooster, and for forty years has been an elder in that denomination. The present wife of Dr. Stoddard, to whom he was married in 1886, was Mrs. Mary J. Culbertson, a daughter of the well-known Gen. Reasin Beall. She was born in

what is now the flourishing city of Wooster, but the site of which was then a farm. In this place her life has been principally passed. She was the youngest of eight daughters. Her parents had but one son, who died before reaching three years of age.

GEN. BEALL was a native of Maryland, born in Montgomery County in 1769. His father, Zephaniah Beall, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and he himself was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving with Gen. William H. Harrison in "Mad" Anthony Wayne's command, being made an ensign at the time of the latter's appointment, and he was a warm personal friend of the afterward President Harrison. He also, in 1790, took part in an expedition fitted out to march against the Indians on the Miami. His civil career was no less distinguished. When but fourteen years old he entered the office of Hon. Thomas Scott, prothonotary of Washington County, Penn., and later was clerk of the court of common pleas, and also of the supreme court, at New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., Ohio, whither he had moved from Pennsylvania prior to the War of 1812. These offices he held nearly the whole time he remained in the county. In the spring of 1813 President Madison issued a call for a special session of Congress, and Mr. Beall was chosen to a seat, where he served with

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credit to himself and satisfactorily to his constituents. In 1815 Gen. Beall removed to Wooster, and was appointed register of the land office at that place. This position he held until 1824, when he resigned it. In 1840 he was chosen a presidential elector, and had the satisfaction of casting his vote for his old friend, Gen. Harrison. November 4, 1794, Gen. Beall was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Johnson, who bore him nine children, Mrs. Stoddard being the sole survivor. The mother passed from earth August 30, 1840, and two and a half years later her husband joined her on the other shore, dying February 20, 1843, and two days later his body was interred in the Wooster Cemetery with military honors.

Such is in brief the record of the life of one who bore no insignificant part in the history of his times. A man of ability and of undoubted integrity, he left his impress on the community in which he lived, and in the guidance of whose public affairs he took a leading part, and his death was regarded as a public loss.

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**S** S. SHILLING, one of Wooster's well-known citizens, is a native of Wayne County, born October 30, 1828. His father, Peter Shilling, was a

native of Chambersburgh, Franklin Co., Penn., born in 1803. He grew to manhood in his native county, where he learned the trade of shoemaking, and in 1824, when twenty-one years of age, was united in marriage with Nancy Ann Rodocker, a native of York County, Penn., who had been reared near Massillon, Ohio, where her parents had settled when she was but six years of age. Of their marriage eleven sons were born, of whom there are now surviving but our subject and one brother, Isaiah B., of Sugar Creek Township, in this county.

Peter Shilling and his family decided to make Wayne County their home, and here the father cultivated a farm, and for a number of years carried on his trade in connection therewith. In 1879 the last summons came to the mother, who passed away at the age of seventy-eight years, having been born in 1801, and in 1881 the husband and father followed his life's partner to the grave, aged seventy-eight years also. Mr. Shilling was one of the founders of the Reformed Lutheran Church at West Lebanon, in Sugar Creek Township, and always remained a pious and consistent member. He and his wife enjoyed the esteem of the community, and were universally respected for their good qualities and upright lives. The paternal ancestors of the family were of English-German origin, and on the maternal side

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were of Dutch extraction, and had settled in this country in Puritan times.

S. S. Shilling, the subject of our sketch, was reared upon the farm, and received his education in the log school-house of the period. At the age of seventeen he was hired out to a neighbor to work for seven months for \$50 and his board. The following June he attended school at Massillon, Ohio, and the ensuing winter he began teaching. This occupation he followed for four winters, and in 1849 learned the new art of daguerreotyping, and opened a gallery at Massillon. Two years later he removed to Canton, Ohio, and the following year, 1852, was united in marriage with Miss Allatha Cole, daughter of Joshua and Caroline (Armstrong) Cole, a native of Richmond, Jefferson Co., Ohio. Her paternal ancestors were of English lineage, and her grandparents were natives of Maryland. On her maternal side her ancestors came from Ireland, at a very early day in the history of the country. When Mrs. Shilling was but eight years of age her parents removed to Stark County, Ohio, where the husband and father went to his last sleep in 1884, at the age of eighty-two years. The widowed mother still lives on the home farm, and is now (1888) aged eighty-six years. To this worthy couple had been born eight children, of whom but three now survive, and Mrs. Shilling is the only one in Wayne

County. Mr. Cole, by reason of his unflinching good nature, was familiarly known by all who knew him as "Uncle Josh," and was noted as a fine marksman, a desirable accomplishment in those times. He was strongly attached to the Republican party from its formation; was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; was in every way highly esteemed by all who knew him, and was greatly missed.

After his marriage our subject moved to West Lebanon, where he engaged in mercantile business, which he carried on there until 1861, when he removed to Wooster, and built the house which has since been his home. He was engaged in McDonald's foundry at Wooster. He was a member of the Wooster National Guards, and in 1864 was called out, and went with his company to Washington, whence they were sent to man Fort Ethan Allen, near Georgetown, on the Potomac. The guards were discharged in September, and on his return to Wooster Mr. Shilling resumed his employment in the iron works, where he continued until 1874, when he purchased the Newman Bus Line, which he ran for twelve years, when he retired from the more arduous labors of life, and has since been engaged in business as a broker, taking life more easy.

Of Mr. and Mrs. Shilling's union two children were born, both deceased: one, Melancthon, at the age of three years,



# REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of the project. The report is organized into several sections, each addressing a specific aspect of the project. The first section, 'Introduction', provides a brief overview of the project's goals and objectives. The second section, 'Methodology', describes the research methods used in the study. The third section, 'Results', presents the findings of the study. The fourth section, 'Discussion', discusses the implications of the findings and provides recommendations for future research. The final section, 'Conclusion', summarizes the key points of the report.

The results of the study indicate that there is a significant correlation between the variables studied. This finding is consistent with previous research in the field. The discussion section highlights the importance of these findings and suggests that further research is needed to explore the underlying mechanisms. The conclusion section reiterates the main findings and provides a final summary of the project.

In conclusion, this report provides a detailed account of the project's progress and findings. The results suggest that the project has been successful in achieving its goals. The discussion and conclusion sections provide valuable insights into the project's outcomes and future directions. The report is intended to serve as a reference for all stakeholders involved in the project.

and the other in infancy, unnamed. In every particular Mr. Shilling is a self-made man, and he and his wife have labored together, thereby securing the competence of which they are now in the enjoyment. Although now past sixty years of age, he is well preserved and in good health, the result of a well-ordered and temperate life, he never having used intoxicating liquors or tobacco in any form. In his political views he is strongly Republican, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to the Encampment. Himself and his esteemed wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both are held in high regard by everyone who knows them.

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**S**OLOMON RUMBAUGH, farmer, Chester Township, was born in Chester Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, December 17, 1826. His father, Adam Rumbaugh, was a native of Northampton County, Penn., born April 22, 1793, and March 16, 1815, married Elizabeth Lauffer, and to them were born eleven children: Isaac, John, Maria, Henry, David, Solomon, William, Sarah, Hannah, Jacob and Elizabeth. The family is of German ancestry, three brothers at a very early day immigrating to Amer-

ica, and settling in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Canada. The great-grandfather of our subject chose Pennsylvania as his abiding place, and at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War was one of the heroes to volunteer in the defense of his adopted country. He was thrice married, and was the father of twenty-five children, eleven born to the second and fourteen to the third marriage. In the early days of Wayne County, Ohio, Adam Rumbaugh became one of its pioneers, locating on a tract of 160 acres of timber-land, for which he paid \$300. He preceded his family to the county, and before their coming cleared some of the land and built a log cabin. Although a poor man when he came to Wayne County, he, by industry and energy, became one of the most well-to-do citizens of his township, and at his death left a large property, which was divided among his children.

Solomon Rumbaugh made his home with his father until twenty-nine years of age. He has made agriculture his life-work, and is one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of his township. His fine farm of 100 acres, which was a part of his father's estate, is among the most fertile and best improved farms in the county.

He has always been prominently identified with all measures that are beneficial to the county, and is one of its repre-

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sentative citizens. In politics he is a Democrat, and, while in no sense a politician, is one of his party's most ardent supporters. He was married, August 21, 1855, to Mary, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Rouch) Miller. They have six children: Philena Jane, born November 12, 1856; Sarah (now Mrs. Wile), born in 1860; Miller L., born March 13, 1862; Nimmie E., born February 24, 1869; Chalmer A., born October 4, 1872, and Lydia M., born May 5, 1875. Mrs. Rumbaugh and her eldest two daughters are members of the Lutheran Church, and her two sons and her youngest two daughters are members of the Reformed Church.

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**B**ENJAMIN BRENNER, a minister and prominent farmer of Wayne Township, was born October 24, 1839, in Lancaster County, Penn. Christopher Brenner, his father, was born December 17, 1810, also in Lancaster County, and was the only son of John Adam and Elizabeth (Hubley) Brenner. Christopher was married December 3, 1835, to Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Schock. Five children, two sons and three daughters, were born to them, as follows: Sarah S., born August 18, 1838; Elizabeth, November 26, 1840;

Benjamin, October 24, 1839; Christian, August 5, 1849; Catherine, in 1855. Christopher Brenner was a shoemaker by trade. In 1855, with his wife and four children, he came to Wayne County, where he purchased 118 acres of land in Greene Township, and remained there until he died. In 1872 he retired from farming, and purchased seventy-three acres of land in Wayne Township, which is now in the possession of his eldest daughter, Sarah S. Mr. Brenner was a very successful farmer, and left his children in comfortable circumstances at his death. He died in 1886, and his wife in 1879, aged sixty-one years. Sarah S., the eldest daughter, now resides on the home farm, where her father died, and is a highly respected lady.

Benjamin Brenner was educated in the common schools in Lancaster County, Penn., and also in Wayne County. In 1863 he was married to Elizabeth Longenecker, daughter of Samuel and Magdaline (Braubaker) Longenecker, the former of Lancaster County, Penn., and the latter of Lebanon County, same State. One child was the result of this marriage, Eleanor, born in 1865. One hundred and eleven acres of the land where Mr. Brenner now lives was his father's property, and originally that of Joseph Lauk. Since twenty-one years of age Mr. Brenner has been a minister, having been ordained at that age.

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2. In the second part of the paper the problem of the stability of the solutions of the system (1) and (2) is considered. It is shown that the solutions are stable with respect to the initial conditions if and only if the condition  $\alpha + \beta = 1$  is satisfied. In this case the solutions are stable with respect to the initial conditions and the solutions of the system (1) and (2) are stable with respect to the initial conditions.
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GIDEON SMOKER, farmer, residing on Section 15, Greene Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, is the representative of a family well known in the history of the county. They were of German extraction, and the ancestors came to America prior to the War of the Revolution, and settled in Pennsylvania. Christian Smoker, grandfather of Gideon, lived originally in Lancaster County, Penn., and from there removed to Mifflin County, and thence emigrated to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1828, over sixty-one years ago. He was twice married before coming here, his first wife being a Miss Stutzman, and the second Fanny Livengoot. When he came to Ohio he had several grown-up children, and in this county two more were born. They located first on Section 16, Greene Township, afterward removing to Wayne Township, near Madisonburgh, where the father died in 1851. His wife, Fanny, survived him nearly thirty years.

By his first wife Christian Smoker had the following children: John, Christian, David, Isaac, Elizabeth, Barbara, Nancy and Fanny. Of these, Isaac is living in LaGrange County, Ind.; Elizabeth is the widow of Christian Augsberger, and lives in Lancaster County, Penn., not having come to Ohio; Barbara is the widow of David Kauffman, and is in Kansas; Nancy is the widow of Joseph Kauffman, and is a resident of Indiana. The children of the

second wife were Joel, now living in Fulton County, Ohio; Jonathan, deceased; Jacob, a resident of Elkhart County, Ind.; Joseph, living in Noble County, Ind.; Catherine, wife of Joshua Yoder, in Madisonburgh, this county, and Lydia, wife of Samuel Shrock, of Greene Township, this county. The honored pioneer, the father of this numerous family, lived in Wayne County more than a quarter of a century, and had hosts of friends here.

David Smoker, a son of the first wife, was the father of Gideon. He was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1805, and died here on March 3, 1879. In Pennsylvania he had learned the trade of a cooper, but after his marriage gave all his time to farming. He was married to Anna, daughter of Christian and Catherine Brant, natives of Switzerland, and early settlers in Wayne County. David Smoker and wife had eight children: Christian, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, wife of J. S. Burkholder, of Greene Township; Sarah, wife of Samuel Hartzler, now in Noble County, Ind.; Gideon, David J., and Jonas, who live in Greene Township; Nancy, wife of J. K. Burkholder, also in Greene Township, and Catherine, deceased wife of Jonathan Hostetler. The father of this family was a pious, conscientious man, of pure character, and was for many years a member of the Amish Mennonite Church, which he



had joined in Pennsylvania. Temperate, frugal and industrious, he accumulated a competence, and gave each of his children a good start in life. When he bought the farm on which his son Jonas now lives he had not a dollar to pay on it, but he soon paid for it out of the land, then bought another, which he paid for in the same manner—a fair indication of the habits and character of the man.

Gideon Smoker, our subject, was born in Greene Township, November 8, 1835. His life-long occupation has been farming. When of age he rented his father's second farm, on which he lived until 1862, when he bought the place which has since been his home. On March 11, 1858, he was married to Magdalena Zook, who was born in Greene Township, December 30, 1837, and died October 3, 1876, aged thirty-eight years, nine months and five days. She was a pious woman, a member of the Amish Mennonite Church, a faithful wife and devoted mother, who instilled into the minds of her children, by both precept and example, true Christian principles. She was the mother of nine children, of whom the youngest died February 26, 1876, aged five months. The eldest daughter, Catherine, is the wife of Jacob Hooley, of Greene Township; the rest are unmarried. Jerome, David and Samuel carry on the Wayne County Creamery, and live on the premises; Mary

Ann, Amos, Elmer and Emma live with their father. Mr. Smoker has led a quiet, uneventful life, doing his duty well in the sphere into which he has been called. He is a successful farmer, and has also given considerable attention to raising and fattening stock, and keeps a fine stallion on his premises. He belongs to the Oak Grove Amish Mennonite Church, and among the people with whom his whole life has been spent he is esteemed as an honorable, upright man and a good neighbor.

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**R** B. WASSON, treasurer of Wayne County, Ohio, is one of its sons, being born in Wayne Township March 28, 1833. His father, named David, was a native of the Keystone State, and came when young to Ohio, being one of the early settlers of Wayne Township and County. Joseph Wasson, grandfather of our subject, was an Englishman by birth, and immigrated when young to this country, settling in Pennsylvania, where he was united in marriage with Miss Jane McConaha. David Wasson spent his youth on his father's farm, and on reaching manhood was married to Margaret, daughter of Thomas Beall. Of this union seven children were born, two of whom survive: Mrs. Lydia C. Collins,





living on the homestead in Wayne Township, and R. B. In 1845 death entered the household of the Wassons, claiming the wife and mother, who was then but thirty-five years of age. Her husband survived her many years, dying in 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was one of the staunchest Republicans of his township, and had held various offices of trust and responsibility, those who knew him having unbounded confidence in his ability and integrity. He and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian Church.

R. B. Wasson spent his earlier years on the home farm, getting his education in the log school-house of the period. In 1852, when eighteen years old, he joined a party going to California in search of gold. For six months he drove oxen, sheep, etc., across the plains, and finally reached the haven of his desires. For eight years he followed mining in California, with the exception of one summer, which he spent upon a ranch. In 1860 he returned to Wayne County, and the following year he passed as clerk in a dry goods store at Doylestown, giving that up to become a farmer in his native township. March 23, 1861, Mr. Wasson was married to Miss Lucetta Franks, daughter of Abraham and Lydia (Blocker) Franks, and a native of Doylestown. Eight children came to bless their union

(seven of whom are now surviving): Abraham, the eldest, is deceased; Amanda is wedded to Mr. C. Zimmer, of Wooster; John, Mattie B., Richard, Kate, Thomas and Louis F. are still under the parental roof.

In 1865 Mr. Wasson began dealing extensively in lumber, shipping from Canada to the United States. Later he engaged in the saw-mill business in Western Ohio, and a year thereafter established a saw-mill at Nashville, Mich. In 1876 he withdrew from the lumber business in Ohio and Michigan, and the following year shipped lumber from Virginia to New York, finally retiring from the business in 1878, and going onto his farm in Wayne Township, where he has spent most of his time since. Politically Mr. Wasson was classed as an independent until 1872, when he identified himself with the Democratic party, with which he has since continued to act. He has held many positions of trust and responsibility. He has been a member of the school board, township trustee, and member of the village council, and was elected to the first council of the village council. A number of times he has been a candidate for the office of county treasurer, to which he was elected in 1887, and is now filling that responsible position. In every office that he has been called upon to fill he has discharged its duties with fidelity and





care, and has won the highest regard of all who know him. Socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity and with the Knights of Pythias.

**L** EONARD R. BOWMAN. The Bowman family are of German and French descent. David Bowman, a native of Wartemberg, Germany, and his wife, Elizabeth, a native of Alsace, France (now Germany), immigrated to America with one daughter in 1755. On their voyage to this country, October 25, 1755, a son was born, and named Philip. They settled in Philadelphia, where the father died in 1757. Philip learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until the beginning of the Revolutionary War, when he enlisted, and served three years. He was with Washington at the capture of the Hessians posted at Trenton, and gained the rank of lieutenant as a reward of bravery. After the close of the war he migrated to Fayette County, Penn., and was soon afterward married to Catherine, daughter of Nicholas Fast, of Pfalz, Germany. In 1806 they removed from Fayette County, Penn., to Mahoning County, Ohio, and settled in Greene Township. Their family consisted of twelve children, all of whom are dead.

The eldest, John Jacob, was born November 23, 1779, and married, October 31, 1803, Charlotte, daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Hogmire) Stough (the first Lutheran minister to cross the Alleghany Mountains), and they settled and died in Columbiana County, Ohio. Their family consisted of Jonas, Elizabeth, John, Philip, Samuel and Joshua. Jonas Bowman was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 17, 1804, and was married to Margaret, daughter of Leonard Richards, of Steubenville, Ohio, and entered a tract of 320 acres of land in East Union Township, Wayne County. He died March 8, 1869, a prominent member of the Lutheran Evangelical Church. His widow yet lives on the homestead with her son. Nine children were born to them: Elizabeth, wife of Peter Mowrer, of East Union Township, Wayne County; John, also in East Union Township; Leonard R.; Sarah, the late Mrs. Levi Daniels; Wesley, in Medina County, Ohio; Samuel, deceased; Harrison, in Orrville, Ohio; Mary, wife of Jacob Kessler, of East Union Township, and; Joshua, on the homestead.

Leonard R. Bowman was born November 18, 1831, married November 6, 1855, to Isabella Agnes, daughter of Moses Cherry, and then located on his present farm in East Union Township. Their children were Keller Cherry, who died May 6, 1857;

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Samuel Baltzly, who died April 8, 1858; Jonas, born April 5, 1859, and is engaged in mercantile business in Wadsworth, Ohio; May Ida, at home; Williard Grant, at home; Elmina Belle, at home; L. Vernon, who died March 21, 1880. The mother died December 4, 1880. Mr. Bowman is one of the thorough representative farmers of East Union Township. He votes the Republican ticket; has been an elder in the East Union Lutheran Church for twenty-seven years.

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**J**OHAN C. SIDLE, son of John and Joanna (Carson) Sidle, both natives of Pennsylvania, was born April 25, 1859, in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. His father was one of the pioneers of Plain Township, coming here from York County, Penn., in 1828, and settling on the farm in that township now occupied by his son, John C. He was married March 30, 1843, and became the father of four sons and three daughters, viz.: W. H., born October 22, 1845, now living in Shreve, Wayne Co., Ohio; James C., born February 13, 1850; L. P., born March 14, 1852; John C.; Mary Ellen, wife of S. P. Burnett, of Shreve, Ohio; Lucinda Jane, born November 12, 1847, married L. H. Aylesworth, of Big Prairie,

Ohio; and Clara C., born January 30, 1856, married to S. G. Gill, of Reedsburgh, Wayne County.

Of these, John C. was married June 29, 1884, to Isa Palmer, of Jeromeville, Ohio, and their children are Nina May, born April 27, 1885; Edna Vera, born March 11, 1887, and Benjamin Harrison, born April 14, 1889. Mr. Sidle has been engaged in teaching for the past ten winters, attending the duties of the farm during the summer. He has paid considerable attention to the breeding of and dealing in fine-blooded stock, and has at present on his farm some full-blooded Hereford cattle and Shropshire sheep. His success at different county fairs in 1887 and 1888 prove the quality and breeding of his stock to be the best, having taken twenty first and five second premiums. In politics Mr. Sidle is a staunch Republican.

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**J**ACOB HOLMES was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., April 2, 1814, son of Daniel Holmes, also a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio, settling in Congress Township, Wayne County, in 1820. Near Congress Village, he (Daniel) leased a farm of Henry Trauger, on which he lived nine years; then purchased a farm on Section 14,

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where he reared a family of sixteen children, twelve of whom are yet living. He died in his sixty-ninth year. The first Christmas eve Mr. Holmes was in Wayne County his house and its contents were destroyed by fire, the family barely escaping with their lives, and the snow was six inches deep. They were taken to the house of George Poe, a half a mile distant, remaining there one night. The following Monday the neighbors cut logs and built another cabin, and Wednesday they moved in. There was no floor, and a fire was built in the center of the room. There they lived, more like Indians than white folks, almost destitute of clothing, and for four or five years had neither shoes nor stockings. Their clothes consisted of buckskin pants, linen shirt, coon-skin caps and deer-skin moccasins. The best dressed men of those days wore buckskin suits.

Jacob Holmes, the subject of these lines, was educated in the common schools, and brought up to farm life, which he has followed all his days. He was united in marriage February 5, 1837, with Miss Christiana, a daughter of David and Eva Weaver, and born April 2, 1817. This union has been blessed with eight children, seven of whom are still living, all married and away from home, doing for themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have for many years been consistent mem-

bers of the German Reformed Church. For sixty-seven years he has been a continuous resident of Congress Township, and is probably the oldest resident settler in the township. Mr. Holmes is hale and hearty, and remarkably vigorous for one of his advanced years, managing his own affairs with keen intelligence and remarkable success; and "Uncle Jacob," as he is familiarly known, is highly respected by all who know him. He is owner of 123 acres of good farm land, three miles south of West Salem, in Wayne County.

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**G** W. RICKEL was born in West Salem, Wayne Co., Ohio, May 24, 1838, and is a son of Peter and Nancy (Rickel) Rickel, natives of Bedford County, Penn., who came to Wayne County in 1824, and entered a tract of land in Congress Township, a part of which is now occupied by the village of West Salem, which was laid out by him, as well as several of its streets; and many lots were sold by him. He was a prominent member of the old Albright Evangelical Association, and of the Republican party. He died in 1865, his widow surviving him until 1888. They reared nine children, viz.: Sophia, wife of Michael Shaffer, of Mahoning County, Ohio;

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Joseph, Michael and Levi, in West Salem, Wayne County; Mathias, in Ashland County; Catherine, deceased wife of Peter Ball; G. W.; William, who was a member of Company E, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died from the effects of wounds; Alexander, in West Salem.

G. W. Rickel received his education at the township schools and Hayesville Academy. In 1860 he embarked in mercantile business at West Salem, which he continued for about three years. In 1866 Mr. Rickel married Miss Mary E., daughter of Benjamin Hill (deceased), of Canaan Township, Wayne County, and by this union there are four living children, viz.: Cora, wife of R. W. Pinkerton, of Wooster; Carrie, wife of Rev. A. A. Ball, of Chicago Junction, and Annie and Josephine, at home. Mr. Rickel is a member of the Canaan Grange, No. 1280, P. of H. He and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Burbank, of which he is a trustee. Politically he is a Republican.

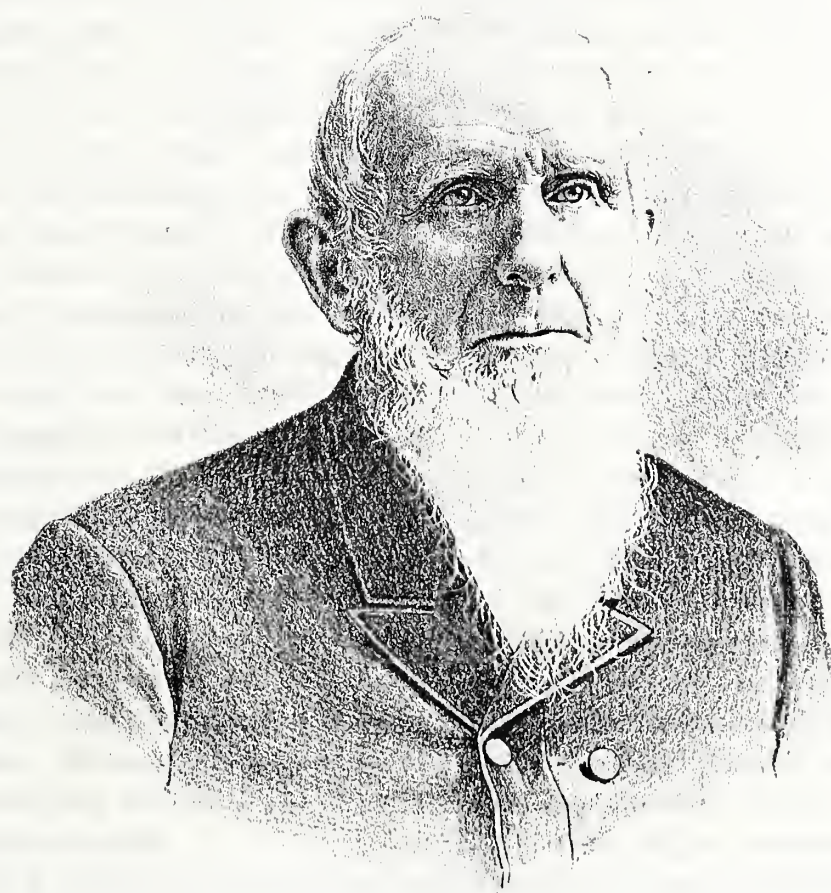
BENJAMIN HILL (deceased) was born in Washington County, Penn., June 29, 1807, son of Joseph and Margaret (Joy) Hill, who immigrated from Ireland. Benjamin was reared on a farm, and learned the tanner's trade. In 1829 he married Miss Delilah, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Harsh) Notestine, of Wash-

ington County, Penn., and in 1833 they came to Wayne County, where they moved on the farm in Canaan Township, where he died in 1880. Mr. Hill was a prominent member of the Republican party, and filled various township offices; was also class-leader and exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Burbank for many years. He died in 1880; his widow still survives him, now aged seventy-six years. Three of their children are still living: Sarah H., wife of Henry Hay, of Seville, Ohio; Samantha, wife of C. C. Clay, of Sedalia, Mo., and Mary E., wife of G. W. Rickel.

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REV. PHILO M. SEMPLE was born near Darlington, then in Beaver, but now in Lawrence County, Penn., July 7, 1810. His grandfather was a native of Scotland, and was married in America to a lady of Irish birth. Both died in Beaver County, Penn. Their son, Robert was a native of North Carolina, removing to Pennsylvania with his parents. His boyhood was spent upon the farm, and when seventeen years of age he entered an academy at Darlington, Penn., with a view of qualifying himself for ministerial work. Completing his academic course, he began the study of theology with Rev. Thomas E. Hughes,





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and was later licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Redstone. He was soon after called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, now the county seat of Lawrence County, Penn., being their first pastor, and continuing to serve that church twenty-eight years. For twenty years of the time he also had charge of a church at Slippery Rock, Beaver Co., Penn. Rev. Robert Semple was united in marriage January 5, 1808, with Miss Annie Kirkpatrick, a native of Beaver County, Penn., and to them were born three sons and seven daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter are living—Philo M., Dr. Kirkpatrick Johnston, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Zenista, wife of David F. McCready, of New Wilmington, Penn. The mother died at the age of fifty years, the father surviving her several years, his death occurring in 1847, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a faithful minister of the gospel, and died in the sure hope of a happy immortality.

Philo M. Semple is the second son of Robert and Annie Semple. His full baptismal name is Philomathis, and very properly, for he has proved himself a "seeker after knowledge." He was about eighteen months old when his father became pastor at New Castle, Penn., and spent his youth on a small farm near that city. In his boyhood he has gathered

hazlenuts on the site of New Castle, now a city of 35,000 inhabitants. When twenty-one years of age he was given the opportunity of attending Bassenheim Academy, a manual labor school at Zelienople, Butler Co., Penn., of which he gladly availed himself, and here was begun the study of Latin. In the spring of 1832 he left home for Cannonsburgh, the seat of Jefferson College, traveling on foot, and making the distance, sixty miles, in less than two days. Here he spent five years of college life. During his first term the college was blessed with a revival of religion, and he was hopefully converted. August 5, 1832, he united with the Presbyterian Church of Cannonsburgh, of which Dr. Matthew Brown was then pastor. His standing in his class was reputable, and in the literary society, high. In 1837 he would have been the debater for the Franklin Society but for the famous quarrel of the societies with the trustees, which suspended the contest for this year. At the time of the commencement, in 1837, he was prostrated with typhoid fever, and was unable to turn his head on his pillow when he graduated. During the winter of 1837-38 he taught school in New Castle, Penn., and in the spring of 1838 entered the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny, where he spent two years. His health failing, he returned home, and after rusticiating a few



months and partially regaining his health he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Beaver, at the church of Westfield, Penn., June 24, 1840. In compliance with the advice of some of the older members of the same presbytery, he was on the 5th of October, 1841, ordained as an evangelist, expecting to go to Illinois, then a new State, as a home missionary. Circumstances, however, beyond his control prevented the carrying out of this plan, and in the spring of 1842 he was called to the united congregations of Mount Eaton, Wayne County, and Berlin, Holmes County, Ohio, preaching his first sermon at Mount Eaton the first Sabbath in June. He labored in this field pleasantly and successfully for sixteen years, both churches being much increased during his pastorate. In the fall of 1858 he received an urgent call to the church at Dalton, Wayne County, and, in view of the existing division in the church, felt it his duty to accept the call, and in so doing unite the two factions. Both congregations he was serving sent a unanimous protest to the presbytery against the dissolution of the pastoral relation, but the presbytery accorded with his views, and on the first Sunday in October, 1858, he commenced his labors in Dalton, and was installed the following month. After serving the church in this place nine years, his health became completely broken down,

so that by the advice of distinguished physicians he gave up preaching, and during the summer spent the time in traveling in Missouri and Kansas. His health not improving, and concluding that he would be unable to resume pastoral work, he tendered his resignation, but his congregation, being unwilling to accept it, granted him a year's leave of absence, kindly continuing his salary. At the end of the year, his health still being infirm, he again tendered his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted.

In November, 1870, he removed to the city of Wooster, influenced mainly by the desire to educate his son and daughter at the university, and here he has since lived. For four years he was engaged in collecting the endowment fund of the university, which had been subscribed some years before. Although Mr. Semple has for many years been unable to have the care of a church, he still preaches occasionally. When he began studying for the ministry he was obliged to rely on his own exertions to secure his education, and was carried through by his strong determination to succeed. He has ever taken a warm interest in public affairs, and can always be found on the side of justice and right. For years before the abolishment of slavery he was a strong Abolitionist, and on the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks to fight the bat-

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tle of freedom for all, and now is equally determined in his opposition to the gigantic evil of drinking intoxicating liquors, and is an ardent advocate of the cause of prohibition.

July 29, 1846, Mr. Semple was married to Miss Sarah Jane Davis, a native of Shippensburgh, Penn., daughter of Robert Davis, Esq., who at the time of her marriage was a resident of Stark County, Ohio. Her parents died in Bucyrus, Ohio, the mother aged seventy-four years and the father ninety-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Semple have reared two children to years of maturity. Their son, Eugene Payson, graduated from Wooster University in 1873, and has been for several years professor of English in Biddle University, at Charlotte, N. C. Their daughter, Laura Annie, graduated from Wooster University in 1875, and is now the wife of Rev. W. M. Pocock, a Presbyterian minister at Waverly, Kas. A zealous pastor, consistent Christian, and a faithful counselor and friend, Mr. Semple is held in esteem by all who know him.

**A**DAM BRENNER. The Brenner family is one of the most numerous in Wayne Township, Wayne County. At a very early day in the history of America three brothers by the

name of Brenner immigrated to the United States from Germany. John Adam Brenner, who was born in Lancaster County, Penn., was a descendant of one of these brothers. He was a farmer in his native county, and was twice married, John being the name of the eldest child born to the first marriage. John Brenner was born in 1799, and in 1849, with his wife and eight children, he moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled on a small farm. He married Susan Redfind, who died in 1870, aged seventy-seven years. Five of their eight children are living: Margaret (Mrs. Hartz), Susan (Mrs. Brown), Mary (Mrs. Ihman), Adam and Catherine (Mrs. Hartzell).

Adam Brenner was the youngest son and next to the youngest child of the family. He was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1830, and was nearly twenty years old when he accompanied his parents to Wayne County. The first winter he worked in Wooster, and then followed his trade of shoemaking in Smithville for three years, and after that engaged in farming. Since 1885 Mr. Brenner has lived on his present farm, which was formerly owned by his father-in-law, Peter Eberly. He is now well-to-do in a financial sense, and has an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity in the community where he lives. Mr. Brenner was married in 1851 to Miss Cath-

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erine Eberly, who, as already stated, is a daughter of Peter Eberly, of Wayne Township. They have had three children: John E., born May 28, 1852; Sarah E., January 13, 1856, and Alvin, March 5, 1859. Mr. Brenner is a Republican.

**W**ILLIAM CARMAN DAGUE was born in Wadsworth Township, Medina Co., Ohio, February 21, 1850, and is a son of Michael D. and Elizabeth (McElhenie) Dague. His paternal grandfather was Gabriel Dague, son of Michael Dague, a native of Germany, and a pioneer of Washington County, Penn. Gabriel Dague, who was a native of Washington County, Penn., in early life taught school, and settled in Milton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1820. Here he cleared and improved a farm, on which he resided until 1843, when he moved to Chippewa Township, Wayne County, and in 1849 located in Wadsworth, where he died. He had two brothers, also pioneers of Milton Township, viz.: Frederick, who settled there in 1819, and Michael, who settled a few years later. The last named in his day held the office of justice of the peace the longest term of anyone in the State. The children of Gabriel Dague were nine

in number, as follows: Archibald, Michael, Joseph, Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Starn), Gabriel, Andrew Hiram, Ephraim, Samuel and Cyrus. The latter died in the service of the United States, at Vicksburg, Miss., during the War of the Rebellion. The maternal grandfather of William Carman Dague was Thomas J. McElhenie, a pioneer of Chippewa Township, Wayne County.

Michael D. Dague, father of William C., was reared in Wayne County, Ohio, and in early life was a farmer in Wayne, Summit and Medina Counties, all in Ohio, and for fifteen years was proprietor of a general store at Western Star, Medina County. He removed to Doylestown, Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., in 1878, and has here since resided. He reared a family of six children, viz.: Gabriel, a merchant in Western Star, Medina County; Thomas J., a Presbyterian clergyman in Caldwell, Ohio; Rebecca J. (Mrs. Theo. Eberhardt), in Western Star; William C., James W. and Joseph M., in Doylestown, Wayne County.

The subject of this biographical memoir received an academic education at Western Star, and in 1873 embarked in mercantile trade in that place. In 1874 he located in Doylestown, where the firm of Dague Bros. & Co. was established, the largest house dealing in general merchandise in Wayne County, William C. Dague

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research. It also outlines the methodology used in the study and the results obtained. The second part of the paper discusses the implications of the study and the conclusions drawn from the research. It also discusses the limitations of the study and the areas for future research.

The study was conducted in a laboratory setting and involved the use of a series of tests to measure the performance of the system. The results of the tests were compared to the theoretical predictions and the conclusions drawn from the research. The study found that the system performed well under the conditions tested and that the theoretical predictions were generally accurate.

The implications of the study are that the system can be used in a variety of applications and that the results of the study can be used to inform the design of future systems. The conclusions drawn from the research are that the system is a viable option for the applications studied and that the theoretical predictions are a good guide to the system's performance.

The limitations of the study are that the results were obtained from a laboratory setting and that the system was tested under ideal conditions. The areas for future research are to test the system in a more realistic environment and to investigate the effects of different parameters on the system's performance.

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being the senior member. Mr. Dague married, March 30, 1871, Melissa, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Hoover) Dudley, of Western Star, Ohio, and to this union have been born four children, viz.: Harry, Metta, Nellie and Bessie. Mr. Dague is one of Doylestown's most prominent citizens and merchants, and is enterprising and public-spirited. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of the Odd Fellows order and Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Democrat. He served for nine years as a member of the Board of Education of Doylestown, and is at present serving his second term as township treasurer.

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**L**K. FRANKS, deputy county treasurer of Wayne County, is a native of the county, born in Chippewa Township, November 29, 1854. His father, Abram Franks, was a native of Fayette County, Penn., where he grew to manhood, and at the age of twenty-eight he migrated to Wayne County, where in 1848 he was married to Amanda Franks, daughter of Abram Franks, Sr., a second cousin. His education had been that of the common schools, and for a time he occupied himself in teaching, and then engaged in mercantile business at New Geneva, in

his native county. On coming to this county he opened a store in Doylestown, but later was engaged in wholesale business in the city of New York. In 1848, soon after his marriage, he was elected to the State Legislature by the Democrats, and re-elected, serving two terms with credit to himself and the satisfaction of his constituents.

On leaving the Legislature Mr. Abram Franks established himself for ten years on a farm which he had bought. In 1861 he removed to the village of Doylestown, and was there engaged in mercantile business for some sixteen or seventeen years, at the end of which time he retired from active business life. December 3, 1877, Mrs. Franks was called to her rest, at the age of fifty-eight years. Two children were the result of her union with Mr. Franks: Jennie, wife of Rev. J. W. Low, of Richland County, Ohio, and L. K. The elder Franks is one of the early settlers in Wayne County, and aside from his legislative honors has been one of the prominent citizens of the county, and was for many years justice of the peace here. He was an able and intelligent man, and wrote much for the papers, but his lack of power to express his ideas orally has been somewhat of a bar to his public advancement. Now, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, he retains his mental vigor unabated, although his physical powers are





waning. His home is now with his son. As an old settler, and a man who has done his full share in advancing the prosperity of the county, he is much respected by his fellow-citizens.

L. K. Franks, the subject of this sketch, obtained most of his education in the public schools of the village of Doylestown. He was early inducted in mercantile business, and for three years was junior partner in the firm of Charles McCormick & Co., in Doylestown. August 1, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Linda V. Wharton, daughter of James and Nancy (Williams) Wharton. Politically Mr. Franks has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and has been prominent in public affairs. He has been township clerk, and also township treasurer, resigning the latter office to accept his present position. He and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church at Doylestown, and he is a member of the Odd Fellows order and of the Knights of Pythias. He has the confidence and esteem of all who know him, as an upright man and faithful official.

The Franks family are of mixed German and French blood, and their ancestors came to this country long prior to the War of the Revolution. Michael Franks, the grandfather of L. K., died in Pennsylvania, and was the father of sixteen children. His maternal grandfather, Henry

Franks, took part in the War of 1812, and was captured by the Indians at Sandusky, Ohio, and compelled to run the gauntlet, but fortunately escaped.

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GEORGE D. HATFIELD is a son of one of the original pioneers of Wayne County, and is also one of its oldest born native citizens, having first seen the light of day in Salt Creek Township, May 22, 1817. His parents, Robert and Nancy (Richey) Hatfield, were natives of Pennsylvania, and were married in Beaver County, that State. In 1815 they migrated to Wayne County, locating in Edinburgh, in East Union Township, but the following year purchased the farm in Salt Creek Township on which the subject of this sketch was born. Here they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in June, 1841, aged fifty-four years. His widow survived him many years, dying October 19, 1865, in her eightieth year. They were the parents of eight children who grew to maturity (of them four still survive). The eldest, Margaret, is wife of Thomas Dunham, of Salt Creek Township; William died in 1865, in his sixty-third year; Adam died in the fifty-fourth year of his age; Catherine is now Mrs. W. Cunn-



ham, of Wooster, Ohio; George D.; Mary, who was the wife of Mr. Johnson, of Salt Creek Township, and is now deceased; Sarah, who is Mrs. James Truesdell, of Nevada, Mo., and Cyrus, who died in Salt Creek at the age of twenty-six. Both the parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Hatfield was one of the first elders of the church in Salt Creek Township. This worthy couple were real pioneers of Wayne County, which at the time of their coming to it was covered with a dense growth of timber. In the woods they made their first humble home, cheerfully enduring the hardships of a pioneer life, and were rewarded by seeing their home gradually growing in beauty and value, and a sturdy family springing up around them. Mr. Hatfield was an active and industrious man, in his political sentiments was a Whig, and took an active part in public affairs. He was well known and much respected by the old residents of the county.

George D. Hatfield received his education in the typical log school-house of the period, with its puncheon floor, slab seats, and greased paper windows. At the age of twenty-three he was united in marriage with Miss Matilda R. Patterson, a daughter of William and Rebecca (Finley) Patterson, natives, respectively, of Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, Penn., and who were among the early pioneers

of Wayne County, having settled in Franklin Township in 1816. In 1852 her father passed from earth; her mother survived him many years, dying in 1888, in her ninety-third year. Mrs. Hatfield had two sisters and one brother: Margaret is the widow of Jacob Reaser, of Wooster; Rebecca (Mrs. Willetts), of Fredericktown, Knox Co., Ohio, and James P. Patterson, of Apple Creek. To our subject and his estimable wife have been born seven children, of whom we record the following: Margaret is deceased; St. Clair J. is an attorney in Sidney, Shelby Co., Ohio; James is deceased; Robert is a farmer in Wayne Township, this county; William is a resident of Chicago; Rebecca A. and Sarah Adelaide are living at home. In 1878 Mrs. Hatfield died, at the age of fifty-nine years. She was a woman of most estimable character, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church of Apple Creek.

In the fall of 1870 Mr. Hatfield removed from his farm to the city of Wooster to give his children the opportunity of better educational advantages, but his life, once settling there, has been a busy one. For a number of years he was engaged in collecting money for the University of Wooster. In his early life he was a Whig, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. William H. Harrison. On the formation of the Republican party he joined its

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ranks, and has ever since acted with it, faithfully doing his duty as a citizen at the polls, having voted at every election since reaching his majority, and he takes an active interest in all public matters. He contributed his share to the cause of the nation during the Rebellion, and was a member of the Union League. When a boy he became a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has always remained an active member of that denomination. He is now connected with the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster.

Mr. Hatfield is wonderfully well preserved for a man of his age, and he attributes his good health to his uniform habits of temperance, he never having used tobacco or intoxicating liquor, although in his youth the use of spirits was almost universal. He is spoken of in terms of respect by all who know him, and will long be remembered as one of Wayne County's most worthy pioneers.

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**E**LI DUDLEY POCOCK, M. D., was born near Shreve, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 13, 1845. He is a son of Elijah Pocock, who migrated from Harford County, Md., in 1820, and settled in Wayne County, Ohio. His mother's maiden name was Grace Smith; she emi-

grated from Beaver County, Penn., in 1822, and settled in Wayne County, where, September 1, 1825, she was united in marriage with Elijah Pocock. Eli's earlier years were spent in the vicinity of Shreve, where he received an academic education. At his country's call, during the great war for the Union, he responded, and spent the last years of the same in its service. He enlisted in June, 1862, at the age of seventeen years, in the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served his full time, after which his name appears for two years on the rolls of the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth and One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Since the war he has been identified with the movements of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in the same has ever been an ardent and zealous worker, while his force of character has made him a leader among his comrades.

In 1866 he began the study of medicine, and graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, in February, 1870. He began the practice of his profession the same year, in the city of Mansfield, and in 1873 removed to Shreve, where ever since he has maintained a successful and lucrative practice. In recognition of his ability he maintains the highest respect of his competitors and of the medical fraternity at large. Soon

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| Feb 15 | Received from Mr. Brown  | 75.00   | 250.00  |
| Feb 28 | Received from Mrs. White | 30.00   | 280.00  |
| Mar 15 | Received from Mr. Green  | 40.00   | 320.00  |
| Mar 30 | Received from Mr. Black  | 60.00   | 380.00  |
| Apr 15 | Received from Mr. Grey   | 20.00   | 400.00  |
| Apr 30 | Received from Mr. Blue   | 80.00   | 480.00  |
| May 15 | Received from Mr. Yellow | 15.00   | 495.00  |
| May 30 | Received from Mr. Purple | 55.00   | 550.00  |
| Jun 15 | Received from Mr. Pink   | 35.00   | 585.00  |
| Jun 30 | Received from Mr. Brown  | 45.00   | 630.00  |
| Jul 15 | Received from Mr. Green  | 25.00   | 655.00  |
| Jul 30 | Received from Mr. Black  | 65.00   | 720.00  |
| Aug 15 | Received from Mr. Grey   | 10.00   | 730.00  |
| Aug 30 | Received from Mr. Blue   | 70.00   | 800.00  |
| Sep 15 | Received from Mr. Yellow | 20.00   | 820.00  |
| Sep 30 | Received from Mr. Purple | 60.00   | 880.00  |
| Oct 15 | Received from Mr. Pink   | 40.00   | 920.00  |
| Oct 30 | Received from Mr. Brown  | 50.00   | 970.00  |
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| Nov 30 | Received from Mr. Black  | 70.00   | 1070.00 |
| Dec 15 | Received from Mr. Grey   | 15.00   | 1085.00 |
| Dec 30 | Received from Mr. Blue   | 85.00   | 1170.00 |
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| Jan 15 | Received from Mr. Yellow | 25.00   | 1195.00 |
| Jan 30 | Received from Mr. Purple | 65.00   | 1260.00 |
| Feb 15 | Received from Mr. Pink   | 45.00   | 1305.00 |
| Feb 28 | Received from Mr. Brown  | 55.00   | 1360.00 |
| Mar 15 | Received from Mr. Green  | 35.00   | 1395.00 |
| Mar 30 | Received from Mr. Black  | 75.00   | 1470.00 |
| Apr 15 | Received from Mr. Grey   | 15.00   | 1485.00 |
| Apr 30 | Received from Mr. Blue   | 85.00   | 1570.00 |
| May 15 | Received from Mr. Yellow | 25.00   | 1595.00 |
| May 30 | Received from Mr. Purple | 65.00   | 1660.00 |
| Jun 15 | Received from Mr. Pink   | 45.00   | 1705.00 |
| Jun 30 | Received from Mr. Brown  | 55.00   | 1760.00 |
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| Sep 30 | Received from Mr. Purple | 65.00   | 2060.00 |
| Oct 15 | Received from Mr. Pink   | 45.00   | 2105.00 |
| Oct 30 | Received from Mr. Brown  | 55.00   | 2160.00 |
| Nov 15 | Received from Mr. Green  | 35.00   | 2195.00 |
| Nov 30 | Received from Mr. Black  | 75.00   | 2270.00 |
| Dec 15 | Received from Mr. Grey   | 15.00   | 2285.00 |
| Dec 30 | Received from Mr. Blue   | 85.00   | 2370.00 |
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| Jan 15 | Received from Mr. Yellow | 25.00   | 2395.00 |
| Jan 30 | Received from Mr. Purple | 65.00   | 2460.00 |
| Feb 15 | Received from Mr. Pink   | 45.00   | 2505.00 |
| Feb 28 | Received from Mr. Brown  | 55.00   | 2560.00 |
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| Mar 30 | Received from Mr. Black  | 75.00   | 2670.00 |
| Apr 15 | Received from Mr. Grey   | 15.00   | 2685.00 |
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| Nov 15 | Received from Mr. Green  | 35.00   | 3395.00 |
| Nov 30 | Received from Mr. Black  | 75.00   | 3470.00 |
| Dec 15 | Received from Mr. Grey   | 15.00   | 3485.00 |
| Dec 30 | Received from Mr. Blue   | 85.00   | 3570.00 |

after his majority he became an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, and has advanced to and received the Templar orders. He is ever considered a zealous and well-qualified worker, and in recognition thereof has filled many important positions in the different branches of the order through which he has passed. Zeal in this, his chosen fraternity, has made him one of its brightest lights, and he takes his place among its leaders.

On October 18, 1870, the autumn after his graduation in medicine, he was married to Miss Loell B. Foltz, daughter of David Foltz by a marriage with Miss Susan Kimmerer, who had migrated, respectively, from Pennsylvania and Virginia in 1813 and in 1816 to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled in Clinton Township. Both were of German descent. The fruit of this marriage is one son, Elijah Foltz Pocock, born September 7, 1878.

**D**ANIEL FUNCK. "Man is perennially interesting to man." Eminently a man of affairs, his life has been engaged in pursuits wherein success depends upon the matured judgment and practical conception that come from experience, observation, reading and reflection. Upon these pursuits he entered,

not with the impulsive or capricious flight of genius, but under the firm and steady propulsions of sound, practical common sense. He is a native of Wayne County, one of her healthiest products, and a type of her most vigorous creations. His father, John Funck, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., January 30, 1788, and was of German extraction, as was his wife, Maria, daughter of Christian Fox, with whom he was joined in marriage January 3, 1811. She, also, was a native of the Keystone State, and was born November 13, 1787. The result of this union was thirteen children, all, save two, of whom are living. The register of births is here introduced: David, born November 8, 1811; Annie, January 2, 1813; Catherine, October 26, 1814; Maria, December 21, 1816; Henry, January 10, 1818; Samuel, June 19, 1819; Martin, November 13, 1820; Barbara, October 16, 1823; John, December 22, 1825; Magdalena, January 17, 1828; Daniel, July 27, 1829; Jacob, November 23, 1831; Elizabeth, August 29, 1834. In 1853 Annie and Magdalena passed through nature to eternity, stricken down by the "Reaper whose name is Death."

In 1824 Mr. John Funck removed with his family, then consisting of his wife and eight children, to Wayne County, and what, at that time, was familiarly known as the far West, purchasing a farm



in Chester Township, where he resided for a quarter of a century, and where five more children were added to the issue of his marriage. A farmer by occupation, as was his father in Pennsylvania, he entered upon agriculture as a pleasant and profitable vocation. But being a man of warm, religious feeling, and possessed of a highly spiritual nature, and, withal, equipped with the requisite education, he became a teacher and minister in the Mennonite Church, and in conjunction with his labors on the farm he proclaimed from the pulpit the plain and practical piety of its illustrious founder. This was in his earlier years, as subsequently he identified himself in active membership with the Church of God, and for fifty years consecrated himself to its ministry. As was characteristic of all of the early settlers, Mr. Funck and his family encountered many hardships, made sacrifices and endured embarrassing privations. In process of time, however, these obstacles were subdued, and a better and more prosperous condition of society appeared, accelerated, in a large measure, by their own active, patient and persevering efforts. In 1849 Mr. Funck, then having attained three score years, abandoned the farm and removed to Wooster, where he remained, with the exception of about one year, until his death, which occurred April 2, 1862.

His wife survived him nearly a score of years, dying February 22, 1879, in her ninety-second year, at the home of her son, Daniel, with whom she had lived from the death of her husband, and who surrounded her with every comfort and bestowed upon her the tender care of a thoughtful and dutiful son.

Daniel Funck first opened his eyes upon the lights and shadows of this world July 27, 1829, in a primitive log cabin on his father's farm, in Chester Township. Here his earlier years were spent, and until he attained the age of twenty, in felling timber, hewing and chopping, grubbing and splitting rails, plowing and sowing, flailing buckwheat and husking corn, attending apple cuttings and rushing the rustic belles, and was happy as a bee upon the clover blossoms. The opportunities for education at the rustic schools of that period were not so attractive and valuable then as now, but, such as they were, it was the privilege of Mr. Funck to avail himself of their advantages. He attended the old log school-house of primordial construction, with puncheon floor, greased paper windows, sitting on a rude bench with a slab pinned or spiked to the wall for a writing desk, and imbibed the waters of knowledge from the "master," who was frequently a "down east Yankee," and who could not only quote but set to music the multipli-





cation table. His educational advantages were necessarily limited, and facilities for any achievements in the higher branches of study were extremely meager and few. He, however, received a fair common-school education, much of it having been acquired by the light of the candle or hearth, after the day's labor had been completed. No college opportunities were opened to him, nor a chance to study the languages or the higher branches of English education. His energy, close application, force of character and persistent industry have assisted largely in neutralizing these disadvantages. At the age of twenty he determined to step out and meet the current of the world for himself and shape the venture to his purpose and ambition. He concluded to learn a trade, which, to a young man, is supposed to be the equivalent of a cash capital of \$1,000. In 1849 he went to Ashland, Ohio, as an apprentice in a carriage manufactory, where he remained until 1851. He then traveled as a journeyman carriage maker in the Eastern States, returning home again in 1853, when he was seized with a quenchless thirst for California gold. The wand of the yellow enchanter was upon him, and the spell could not be broken. A steamer soon landed him on the Pacific slope, where he remained for five years. He located at Springfield, Tuolumne County, operating

his trade as manufacturer, and engaging in mining enterprises. Here he had to confront the catastrophe of fire, as his entire investments in stock and property were consumed by conflagration. But he was not of the metal to be daunted by the fire-fiend, or crushed by the devastations of calamity. He at once addressed himself to the work of rebuilding, and this accomplished, he sold out and went to San Francisco, where for a year he was engaged in various projects, chiefly of a mining character. In 1859 he returned to Wayne County and "the scenes of his childhood," and for a period was employed in book-keeping, meantime completing a course of training at a commercial college. He soon thereafter purchased a carriage manufactory in Wooster, and for a series of years conducted that business, but in 1866 the demon of fire, which in its cruel jaws had crushed his substance in the Golden State, revisited him and swept away his investments. Twice did ill fortune lay her apparently revengeful finger upon him, and twice did he sound his bugle in renewal of the conflict, for he knew the race was not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, and he again fought for success over the unmacadamized thoroughfare of perseverance and industry. And he has achieved it.

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Republican party in 1860, casting his ballot for Abraham Lincoln, who, while he was city marshal, appointed him United States marshal under Earl Bill, he having jurisdiction over the northern district of Ohio. When Johnson succeeded to the control of the Government, Mr. Bill was removed, and consequently the official ax fell upon his neck. He had no compromises to make with official renegades, and maintained his allegiance to his party and its principles. July 29, 1863, Mr. Funck joined, as private, Company D, Fifty-second Regiment, Battalion of Ohio National Guards, under Capt. Hughes, in which he served honestly and faithfully until May 1, 1866, when, by virtue of an act of General Assembly passed April 2, 1866, he was "honorably discharged from the military service of Ohio and the United States, except in case of insurrection or invasion. By order of Gov. Jacob D. Cox; B. R. Cowan, adjutant-general of Ohio."

He afterward, for about a year, clerked in the hardware store of the late R. R. Donnelly, and then, in 1868, set sail on the broad, safe sea of insurance, to which he has ever since closely and assiduously applied his energies and talent. He represents a dozen of the leading and reliable fire and life companies, and has the agency for the Mutual Life of New York, the oldest company in the United States, and the largest in the world, its assets aggregating

\$126,000,000. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge and the Chapter; is active in the circles of the Knights of Honor, and is a charter member of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Arcanum of Ohio (and which he aided in establishing in Wooster), and was one of its first grand trustees. He was chosen as first president of the Wooster Co-operative Foundry Association, and two years thereafter re-elected, which position he still holds. He is a member of the Wayne County Pioneer Association, and one of its active, inflexible friends.

He was married, in 1859, to Miss Matilda, daughter of William and Susan Imhoff, of Ashland County, who emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in pioneer days. The result of this union was six children: Ross W., Alice M., Earl B., Frank, Harriet Lucretia and Chloe Devona. Earl B. and Frank are numbered with the dead; Harriet L. is in the university, class of 1891, and Chloe D. in the high school, class of 1890; Alice M. graduated at the university, class of 1887, and is the wife of Orin C. Baker, editor of the *Home Weekly*, published at the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Xenia, Ohio, and Ross W. is a member of the Wooster bar. He was born January 11, 1861, and graduated at the high school and university, at the latter, in the class of 1883. He studied law with Hon. John





McSweeney, and then went to the law college at Cincinnati, entering the senior class and graduating therefrom. He was elected city solicitor in the spring of 1887, a position which he now holds; is president of the Wooster High School Alumni Association; vice-president of the University Alumni Association; secretary of the Wayne County Republican Executive Committee; regent of the Royal Arcanum, and a Chapter Mason. He is a young man of fine education and abilities, excellent character and the strictest honesty.

Mr. Daniel Funck, the subject of this sketch, is in the prime of life, in good health, vigorous in action, and has many years of usefulness and activity before him. His temperament is of the sanguine, vital order; his nature is buoyant and joyful, and life to him is a boon indeed, for he appreciates its privileges and pleasures. He is full of jest and humor, enjoys a good story as well as a breakfast, and will never grow old if he can wheedle Old Time with a California anecdote. He is singularly fortunate in his domestic relations, and has reared a family reflecting fine accomplishments and culture. That he is a champion of education is demonstrated by the manner in which he has directed and controlled the intellectual necessities of his children. He is public-spirited and enterprising, and readily endorses any project calculated to stimulate

the development and prosperity of his city and county. He is generous and affable, his sympathies expressing themselves in kindness to friends and charities, where they are merited. It may be said of him, in all the relations of life in which he is summoned to act, that he is trustworthy, constant and honest, with well-settled habits of industry and application. His wife is a member of the English Lutheran Church, while other members of his family are Presbyterians. Mr. Funck is an attendant upon church service, though not a member of any ecclesiastical organization. He believes that religion is a matter of conscience, and therefore should not be interfered with, as he believes that politics is a matter of principle, in which men honestly differ.

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**J** WILSON DAGUE was born in Norton Township, Summit Co., Ohio, June 29, 1854, and is a son of Michael D. and Elizabeth (McElhenie) Dague. He was reared in his native township and educated in the common schools and Western Star Academy (Ohio). In 1874 he located in Doylestown, Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and entered the employ of Dague Bros. & Co. as clerk, serving in that



capacity until 1878, when he was admitted as a partner into the above-named firm, in which he still continues. May 10, 1876, he married Lucretia, daughter of William and Mary A. (Frederick) Turner, of Doylestown, Ohio, and by her he has two children: Mattie M. and William M.

William Turner, the father of Mrs. Dague, was born of Pennsylvania stock, January 23, 1822, and was a resident of Wayne County, Ohio, as early as 1840. He learned the carriage maker's trade at Doylestown, where he carried on business for several years. On account of ill health he spent three years in California, and on his return engaged in the coal business in Doylestown. In 1859 he commenced farming, which he continued until his death, which occurred in September, 1869. He had six children, of whom four are yet living, viz.: Matthew E., William H., Lucretia (Mrs. J. W. Dagne) and Elias G. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Dague were Thomas and Elizabeth (Shaw) Frederick, natives of Pennsylvania, who were the sixth family to settle in Chippewa Township, Wayne County. They located in 1811 on Section 10, one-half of which Mr. Frederick purchased from the Government, and of which he cleared 200 acres, planting the first orchard in the township. He reared a family of fourteen children, named as

follows: Jacob, Harriet (Mrs. John Brouse), Margaret (Mrs. Isaac Middleton), Sophia (Mrs. Charles Wall), Reason, Dolly (Mrs. Samuel Galehouse), Rachel (Mrs. Samuel Young), Matthew E., William, Henry, Catherine A. (Mrs. William Basinger), Sarah A. (Mrs. Joseph Watts), Elizabeth (Mrs. William Johnson) and Mary A. (Mrs. William Turner). Mr. and Mrs. Frederick lived to see all their children married, and all the latter lived to attend the funeral of their mother, whose death was the first to occur in the family.

Mr. Dague, whose name heads this sketch, is a leading citizen of Doylestown, and an enterprising business man. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since fifteen years of age; in politics he is a Democrat.

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HON. ADDISON S. McCLURE, attorney at law, was born at Wooster, Ohio, October 10, 1839. His paternal grandparents, Matthew and Margaret (Brandon) McClure, natives of Pennsylvania, came with their family to Ohio in 1823, locating in Wooster, where he (Matthew) embarked in the hardware business, being a tinner by trade. They had a large family of children, all born

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in Pennsylvania. Their eldest, Charles McClure, who was a boy when his parents moved to Ohio, married Lucetta Rogers, and to them were born three sons, Addison S. being the only one now living; William H. was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, a member of Company E, Fourth Ohio, and was shot through both legs at Chancellorsville (he never fully recovered, and died from the effects of his wounds in 1886); Matthew, the second son, died in 1877.

Addison S. McClure was from childhood an apt scholar, and in 1853 was ready for college, entering the junior preparatory year at Jefferson College, from which he graduated in 1859. In college he was studious, standing at the head of his classes, and distinguishing himself for his proficiency in some branches. After leaving school he went South, where he taught one year; then began the study of his chosen profession, his preceptors being Hon. Levi Cox and Judge Martin Welker. He was admitted to the bar in March, 1861, and a few weeks later, in April, enlisted, at the call of President Lincoln for men to suppress the Rebellion, as a private in Company E, Fourth Ohio Infantry, becoming afterward sergeant-major of the regiment. In June, 1861, he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment for three years, or during the war, and in October following was trans-

ferred to the Sixteenth Ohio, and promoted to captain of Company H, serving with this regiment until his discharge, in August, 1864. He participated in the Vicksburg campaign under Gen. Grant, and in Texas and the Red River campaigns under Gen. Banks. He was captured near Vicksburg December 29, 1862, and was held a prisoner until May, 1863, in the prisons at Vicksburg, Jackson, and Libby, at Richmond. After his discharge he returned home and resumed the practice of law. He was appointed postmaster at Wooster in May, 1867, and held the office twelve successive years. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention held at Chicago in 1868, when U. S. Grant was nominated for the presidency; and again, in 1876, to the convention at Cincinnati, when R. B. Hayes received the nomination. He has been a member of the Republican State Committee at different times, and for several years has been chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Wayne County. He was elected to Congress in 1880, by the Eighteenth Congressional District, composed of Lorain, Medina, Summit and Wayne Counties, and was unanimously renominated, in 1882, by the Twentieth District, but lost the election by 110 votes. Since his return from Congress, in 1883, he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. His coun-





sels are always the result of careful deliberation, his client feeling that his cause is just when it is advocated by Mr. McClure. His pleas are terse and to the point, and are devoid of much that so often is heard in the court-room. A gentleman of the highest type, he never forgets to be a gentleman, and always wins the respect of judge and jury. Wayne County bar is honored by having so distinguished a member as A. S. McClure.

Capt. McClure was married September 26, 1866, to Miss Mary L. Brigham, a native of Monroe County, Mich., born February 13, 1841, a daughter of Eldridge G. and Mary L. (Mitchell) Brigham. Mr. Brigham located in Monroe, Mich., in 1832, where he was a manufacturer of and dealer in furniture. He was one of the most prominent citizens of the place, and held various official positions, among others those of supervisor, alderman, treasurer and mayor. Mr. and Mrs. McClure have one son, Walter C., who was born in August, 1880. They are descendants of old Puritan families, their ancestors being members of the Presbyterian Church, and in the doctrines of this church they were educated, Mrs. McClure being a member of same. They have a beautiful home on Beall Avenue, where hospitality reigns supreme, and they are never so happy as when ministering to the comfort and enjoyment of their

friends. Capt. McClure is never wearied in telling, or in listening to his comrades tell, of the trials and privations of their army life. He is thoroughly patriotic, a true American citizen, and is an active member of Given Post No. 155, G. A. R.

**D**R. JOE H. TODD. Among the successful specialists of Wayne County ranks high the physician whose name heads this biographical memoir, and who is a native of the county. His paternal great-grandfather, who was of high Irish blood, and married to a Welsh woman, came with his son James (grandfather of our subject) to America, and located at Baltimore, Md., where he followed boating. He also ran a coasting vessel, sailing as far south as the West Indies, his son being engaged with him until, overtaken by misfortune, they lost their all. The son was then appointed by the Government to a squireship, which continued for life. The maternal grandparents of Dr. Todd came from Holland about the year 1780, settling near Philadelphia. The parents were both natives of York County, Penn., and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1828, then unmarried and strangers, but "met by chance, the usual way," and were here





Joe H. Todd





married. The father, James Todd, was for forty years a drover, and purchased horses for the Philadelphia market.

The subject of this biographical memoir attended the academy at Hayesville, and later the one at Fredericksburgh, Ohio, and commenced the study of medicine in 1861, finishing in 1865. He was a student of the celebrated Frank H. Hamilton and Stephen Smith, and graduated in March, 1865, from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. Locating at Shreve, Wayne Co., Ohio, the Doctor here first began the practice of his chosen profession, remaining in the town some twelve years; then moved to a farm which it was his intention to superintend, but, changing his mind, he came to Wooster in 1876, and purchased a home on West Liberty Street, where he now resides. While on the farm he visited, in 1870, New York, where he was assistant (1870-71) in the physiological laboratory of Austin Flint, Jr. The Doctor's practice was at first a general one, but having made a special study of surgery, he has gradually almost exclusively confined himself to that branch of the profession and chronic diseases, where exactness in diagnosis is required, which keeps him and an able assistant fully occupied. His chief art in the science of surgery lies in the successful treatment of deformities; and in this specialty his skill is known throughout

Wayne and adjoining counties, many patients coming considerable distances to consult him. The Doctor paid a great deal of attention to the study of microscopy, which at present is one of the branches to which he gives much attention; and differential diagnosis is one of his greatest delights, receiving at his hands a large portion of his time.

In 1872 Dr. Todd married Ophelia, daughter of James Campbell, and a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch extraction, a scion of the celebrated Campbell family, one of whom, the Marquis of Lorne, is married to a daughter of Queen Victoria. Our subject and wife have one son, James Campbell Todd, born March 17, 1874. The Doctor and his estimable wife attend the services of the Methodist Church; in politics he is a Republican.

**D**AVID NICE. This well-known and prosperous merchant of Wooster was born in Medina County, Ohio, July 26, 1854. His father, Aaron K. Nice, was a native of Pennsylvania, and when a young man removed to Ohio, where he married Sarah Leshner. The mother passed from earth in 1871, and in 1877 the father followed her to the grave.

David Nice is a self-made man. He



first worked at farming, and afterward for two years was employed as newsboy on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. In 1873 he came to Wooster to learn the trade of book-binder, at which he worked for seven or eight years, and then turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, for which he has shown himself eminently qualified, and in which he has been very successful. After giving up book-binding, he embarked in the hat and cap business, to which he afterward added gents' furnishing goods, and has built up a fine trade, which is steadily increasing in magnitude. In 1886 he moved to his present quarters, adding boots and shoes to his already large stock. He keeps a full line of these goods, and of the kindred articles usually found in first-class stores of the kind, doing the largest business in the county in this line, and much greater than is to be found in many larger cities than Wooster. He keeps a full line of domestic and foreign goods, carrying a stock valued at \$20,000. May 22, 1879, Mr. Nice was united in marriage with Miss Alice, a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Albright) Taylor, natives of Wayne County, and they have three children: Mabel, Walter and Mary. David Nice is prominent in the social as well as the business circles of Wooster. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, of the Knights of Honor, and of the Odd Fellows order, lodge and encampment.

He and his wife are both members of the English Lutheran Church.

The success Mr. Nice has met with in business is due to the energy and tact he has always displayed. He knows the value of reputation to a merchant, and always aims to do a little better than he promises, and his stock is always kept up to the demands of his patrons. He is universally recognized as one of Wooster's enterprising and progressive young business men, and has undoubtedly a bright career before him.

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MRS. HANNAH FUNK, daughter of George and Sophia Spangler, was born in Union County, Penn., in 1817, where she remained until 1834, when she came with her parents to Salt Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where they located on a farm, on which the mother died. After this her father removed to Erie County, Ohio, but eventually returned, and died in Wayne County. To the parents were born nine children, of whom three are now living: Hannah, now Mrs. Funk; Sarah, now Mrs. Samuel Hanson, of Wooster, Ohio, and Rebecca, now Mrs. John Bistle, also of Wooster.

Hannah first married Jacob Baumbardner, and had five children: Lucinda, now





Mrs. Isaac Rainey, of Ashland County, Ohio; Harry, who is married, and lives in Wooster, Ohio; Franklin, in Minnesota; John, in Iowa, and F. Merriam, who died in Nebraska. Mr. Baumbardner died at Findlay, Ohio, and his widow then married America Funk, and located on the farm now owned by William Griffith, in Clinton Township, Wayne County. Mr. Funk was one of the representative men of his locality, was a successful farmer, and died in 1873, leaving three children: Emma T., now Mrs. Irwin Tyler, of Indiana; Alice, since deceased, and Rebecca, now Mrs. Addison Cushman, of Chicago. Mr. Funk had previously been married, and was left with three children, of whom one was killed in the army, and the other two are still living. Mrs. Funk is now a resident of Shreve, and in her declining years, although separated from her children, is surrounded by life-long friends. She is a member of the Disciples Church, and takes an active interest in it as well as in social matters.

**J**ACOB MONGEY. In 1828 Xavier Mongey came from France and settled in America, remaining for a time in New York, where he married Catherine Icherd, also a native of "La Belle France," and together they came to

Wayne County, Ohio, where they began farming. To their married life four children were born, all of whom live in Wayne County, Jacob, whose name heads this sketch, being among the number. In 1869 the mother passed from earth. The father, who is a well-preserved man of seventy-five years, still resides in Wayne County.

Jacob Mongey remained on the farm until twenty years of age, when he learned the trade of a carpenter, and at the age of twenty-two he was married to Miss Mary Graber, a native of France, who had come to America with her parents when she was four years of age. Only two years of wedded life, however, were granted to them, for then death claimed the wife, who had become a mother; she left one child, Albert, who now resides in Wooster, this county. In the fall of 1873 Mr. Mongey took for his second wife Fannie Graber, a sister of his former wife, and to this union two daughters and one son have been born. For several years Mr. Mongey was a brewer, also dealing in live stock. He is a staunch Democrat, all his life having given considerable time to politics, and has filled various positions of trust in his county. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of the county, and in 1886 was re-elected to the same position. Mr. Mongey is a man of liberal ideas, one who at all times extends the right hand of friendship to every deserving man.





HON. E. B. ESHELMAN, editor, and a member of the firm of H. P. Gravatt & Co., publishers of the *Wayne County Democrat*,\* is a native of Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Penn., a son of Peter and Mary Eshelman. His father carried on, in a small way, the business of chair-making and turning, and, being in limited circumstances, his son began when but a boy to work to assist in his own maintenance. He was for a time errand boy and clerk in a store, and then went into a printing office at Lancaster, Penn., as an apprentice, to learn the trade. After working for a short time as journeyman he turned his attention to editorial work, and, with the exception of four years' editorial connection with the *Daily Ohio Statesman*, from January, 1865, to February, 1869, has given his attention to

editing and publishing Democratic county papers, the most of the time being connected with the Chillicothe *Advertiser* and the *Wayne County Democrat*. As an editor he understands fully the entire mechanism of a paper, and his editorials are well written and forcible. His influence in favor of Democracy is not confined to the limits of his own county, but extends throughout the State, the prominent part he has taken in politics making him well known in political circles. His name, contrary to his wishes, has been brought before the people by his friends in the Seventeenth-Twenty-eighth District as a candidate for the nomination of State senator, which represents the four counties—Holmes, Knox, Morrow and Wayne. The press of the various counties speaks favorably of him for this important position, and we quote the follow-

\*In September, 1826, Mr. Joseph Clingan issued the first number of the *Republican Advocate*, whose partial mission was the support of Gen. Jackson for the Presidency. This journal continued some twelve years, when Mr. Clingan sold out to Samuel Littell, who bought the *Western Telegraph*, which had been established by Martin Barr. These two papers, their politics being identical, Mr. Littell consolidated, and he then issued the *Democratic Republican*. This sheet, after a three years' existence, was leased to Miller & Carpenter, who published it for a year and then abandoned it. Its successor is the *Wayne County Democrat*, the recognized official organ of the party whose interests it supports, and first published by Isaac N. Hill for a few years, after which Mr. Littell sold the office to Messrs. Carny & Means, who continued the publication until the decease of the latter, when Hon. John Larwill secured proprietorship of the paper. This gentleman sold the office to Jacob A. Marchand, who owned the paper up till his death, in 1862. The next purchaser was, in 1863, John H. Oberly, who, in 1861, sold to Col. Benjamin Eason, who, two years later, sold to Hon. John P. Jeffries, who edited the paper

for a year and then transferred it by sale to Benjamin Eason and Asa G. Dimmock. In 1867 Mr. Eason sold his interest to Mr. Dimmock, who received Lemuel Jeffries into partnership, under the firm name of Dimmock & Jeffries, and they subsequently sold the paper to James A. Estill, who took charge in April, 1868. Some ten months later, Mr. Estill retiring, Hon. E. B. Eshelman, of the *Columbus Statesman*, purchased his interest, the *Democrat* being conducted by Messrs. Eshelman, Franklin, Harry and John J. Lemon, Mr. Eshelman being the editor. In 1873 the last named sold his share to John H. Boyd, who, in 1876, transferred his interest to Thomas E. Peckinpaugh, the business department of the paper being managed by him for several years, when he sold out. Mr. H. P. Gravatt purchased, in July, 1881, Mr. Eshelman's half interest in the paper, the latter withdrawing, but in 1886 returning to the partnership by purchasing the fourth interest belonging to the late Dr. L. Firestone, and resuming its editorship. The firm name now is H. P. Gravatt & Co., Mr. Gravatt attending to the business of the firm.



ing from the *Columbus Post*: "He has had legislative experience, has ability of a high order, and his industry and push are immeasurable. He would be a credit to the district in the Ohio Senate, as well as a credit to that body." Mr. Eshelman's popularity is not confined to the borders of his own State, as the following from the *Miami County (Ind.) Sentinel* will show: "We notice that the name of Hon. E. B. Eshelman, editor of the *Wayne County (Ohio) Democrat*, is mentioned in connection with the nomination for senator in the Seventeenth-Twenty-eighth (Ohio) District, composed of the counties of Wayne, Holmes, Knox and Morrow. No better man and no purer Democrat than Mr. Eshelman can the Buckeye State boast of. We say to our old friends in that district that if Mr. E. will consent to accept the nomination to give it to him by a unanimous vote. Mr. Eshelman would take a front rank in the Senate, and the Democracy of Ohio would have a representative of whom they would justly feel proud. 'Old Figures' to the front."

Mr. Eshelman has been first assistant clerk of the Ohio Senate, and for a time was clerk in the treasury department at Washington. While living in Chillicothe he was postmaster over four years, and president of the Chillicothe City Council. In 1871-75 he represented Wayne County in the Ohio House of Representatives,

and was chairman of the finance committee. In 1888 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis from the Twentieth District. In April, 1889, he was elected, against his wishes, a member of the city council of Wooster, and is now chairman of the finance committee of that body.

Mr. Eshelman is, and persists in being, a bachelor.

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ON. JOHN BRINKERHOFF, residing in Bloomington, Wayne County, was born near New Kingstown, Cumberland Co., Penn., June 9, 1813, the eldest son and second child of Daniel and Rebecca (Frazier) Brinkerhoff. He was educated near Dillsburgh, Penn., at a private academy, under James O'Hail and John Jones, both men of marked ability. Mr. Brinkerhoff at eighteen began teaching at Roxbury, where he remained one year, when he removed with his parents to Wayne County, Ohio. Upon his arrival in Wayne County he began teaching in Canaan Township, where the village of Golden Corners now stands, and where he taught school thirteen consecutive years.

He was married November 18, 1833, to Miss Rebecca Sommers, who was born in Washington County, Penn., August 7,





1817, a daughter of George and Barbara (Harsh) Sommers, natives of Washington County. They moved to Wayne County in 1819, and settled in Canaan Township, near what is now Golden Corners. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff had three children: George S., Daniel V. and Joseph W. The mother died September 2, 1851, a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The two eldest sons served in the Union army, George in the Forty-seventh Indiana Regiment, and Daniel in the Fourth Ohio. After a service of nine months Daniel V., being prostrated with fever, was brought home, where he died. Joseph W. is a graduate from the Wooster High School in the class of 1869, and of the medical department of the Wooster University at Cleveland, Ohio, and is at present practicing medicine at Burbank, Wayne Co., Ohio. November 17, 1852, the father married Miss Mary Robinson, who was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., November 25, 1819, a daughter of William and Isabel (Eaton) Robinson.

In September, 1845, Mr. Brinkerhoff removed to Wooster, and became one of the managers of the Wooster Academy, and one of the principals of the Wooster graded schools, under the Akron, Ohio, system. He has almost exclusively devoted his time and attention to some educational enterprise of the people, either as school examiner, superintendent, teach-

er, trustee or committeeman. Mr. Brinkerhoff is one of the substantial and intelligent residents of Wooster and Bloomington; strictly upright and honorable, he is one of the honored men of Wayne County and of Ohio. He was county surveyor of Wayne County in 1844, and has served officially at different times in that capacity for eighteen years. His labors in this respect continue whether in or out of office, and his lines, angles and corners are trusty landmarks. His valuable services rendered as engineer in the construction of the Wooster Water Works, and his remarkable fertility in delineation of plans, contributed largely to the consummation of that splendid enterprise of the citizens of Wooster. He planned the arrangements of the Wooster High School building on the principle of the division of labor, while the details were drawn up by a Cleveland architect. He was selected by the county commissioners to organize and place in working condition the Wayne County Infirmary, and was afterward elected a director by the citizens of the county. He was elected to the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio, serving from January 4, 1864, to January 1, 1866. He proved himself to be a working, vigilant member, promptly at his post of duty and keenly alive to the interests of his constituents and the welfare of the public. While Mr. Brink-



erhoff has passed his seventy-sixth year, by a life of the strictest sobriety and temperance, of great evenness, moderation and method, not yielding to mental or physical excitement, unsapped by excesses, unvisited by the assaults of destructive passions, he is to-day, in almost the prime of manhood, the possessor of a sound mind in a healthy body, with every faculty susceptible of its strongest tension and activity.

He and his wife belong to the United Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a life-long and prominent member. He was elected an elder in the Killbuck congregation of that church at the early age of twenty-four, and has served in that capacity ever since. He was a member of the first general assembly immediately after the union of the Associate and Associate Reformed branches, in 1857, and again at the general assembly in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1873; he also represented his church at the Synod of the Reformed Church held at Utica, Ohio. He was also selected to represent the good-will of his church at the general assembly held at Springfield, Ill. He was frequently employed as peacemaker between contending brethren, and rarely failed in attaining the object of his mission. He is frequently selected to settle the estates of deceased persons, and is the guardian of minor children, some of whom he took

into his own family and educated. The action of the trustees of the Wooster University in relation to Mr. Brinkerhoff was communicated by their secretary, as follows:

WOOSTER, OHIO, June 25, 1886.

Mr. John Brinkerhoff—Dear Sir:—It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the University of Wooster, at their last annual meeting, held June 22 and 23, 1886, unanimously and cordially conferred upon you the honorary degree of A. M. Congratulating you upon the studious habits and scholarly attainments which have entitled you to this honor, and with best wishes for your continued health and usefulness, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

THOMAS K. DAVIS,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees, University of Wooster.

GEORGE LAWRENCE (deceased) was born in Middletown, Penn., in 1818. His father, Christian Lawrence, was also a native of Pennsylvania, born in Lancaster County January 25, 1779, and married Magdalena Ettele, daughter of Philip Ettele. In May, 1823, Christian Lawrence came with his family to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled on forty acres of land, building a log house for his family. Of a family of six sons and four daughters, but three sons are now living. He and his wife were members of the first church (Lutheran) organized in the city of Wooster.



George Lawrence was five years old when his parents moved to Wayne County, and here he was reared and educated. He became one of the successful farmers of Chester Township, owning at the time of his death 400 acres of land, which was divided equally among his children. He began life poor, and his success was due to his own energy, assisted by his noble and faithful wife. He married Julia Yetter, daughter of Philip Yetter, of Pennsylvania, and to them were born ten children, eight of whom are living: Elizabeth, born in 1844, married H. Hemperly in 1868; Catharine, born in 1846, was married in 1872 to J. Killinger; Mary A., born in 1847, was married in 1882 to S. Zimmerman; Maggie, born in 1849, was married in 1868 to T. O. Bechtel; Emeline, born in 1851, was married in 1879 to I. Smyser; Nancy, born in 1854, married G. Winter in 1882; G. W., born in 1856, and Martin, born in 1859; Daniel and Samuel are deceased. The sons, George and Martin, reside on the old homestead, and both are intelligent and enterprising young men. Martin was married in 1886 to Miss Sarah E. Eyman, and they have one child, Emmett. George is unmarried. This is one of the highly respected families of Chester Township, Wayne County, which the father and grandfather in times past have done so much toward building up, assisting mate-

rially in its advancement to its present place among the best counties of the State. They are members of the Reformed Church; in politics they support the Democratic party.

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**E**PHRAIM LEHMAN. The Lehman family originally came from Germany, where Martin Lehman was born in 1744, and whence, when two years old, he accompanied his parents to America. He was reared in Berks County, Penn., where he was married to F. Christina Speck, who was born in Alsace, Germany, in 1751; her parents were sold to pay their passage to this country. Martin Lehman remained in Berks County until 1796, when, with his wife, he removed to Lancaster County, in the same State, settling on a small tract of land, where he died in 1801; his widow survived him many years, her death occurring in 1822. They had a family of seven children: Catherine, Henry, Christian, George, Mary, Martin and John, all of whom reached years of maturity.

John Lehman, the youngest of the family, was born in Berks County, Penn., in 1790. He lived in his native State until 1823, when he moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and purchased of Dennis Driscoll







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Ephraim L. Luman  
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160 acres of land in Wayne Township, for which he paid \$800. He was a miller by trade, which he carried on until he moved to Wayne County, Ohio, from which time he followed farming, and by hard labor and good management he acquired a competency. Public-spirited and enterprising, he was not only ambitious to obtain property for his own use, but was also interested in the material welfare of his township and county, and always gave liberally of his means to all enterprises promising to advance, either financially or morally, the prosperity of the community. He occupied various official positions of trust and responsibility; was justice of the peace a number of years; was township clerk, trustee, treasurer and overseer of the poor. He was twice married, his first wife being Christina Smith, who bore him five children: Benjamin, Mary Ann, Catherine, Eliza and Nancy. His second wife was Nancy Bair, and by her he had a family of twelve children: Sarah, Ephraim, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Susan, John H., Caroline, Martin, Maria, Christi Ann, George D. and Cyrus E. Mr. Lehman lived to see his land cleared of primeval forest, and the wilderness become the home of a civilized and prosperous community, being at the time of his death one of the oldest citizens in Wayne County.

Ephraim Lehman, the second child and eldest son of John and Nancy (Bair)

Lehman, was born August 11, 1826, in Wayne Township. He has all his life followed farming, and now owns the land purchased by his father. In 1852 he married Miss Susan, daughter of Jacob and Saloma (Billman) Freese, of Wayne Township, and by her has had seven children, viz.: Luther V., born November 29, 1854; Cecelia Odessa, born in 1856; John E., in 1859; Franklin F., in 1861; Cora Bell, in 1864; Herman L., in 1871, and Floyd V., in 1874. Mr. Lehman has served his township in the varied capacities of trustee, clerk and treasurer, having held some official position for the past twenty-two years. He is recognized as one of the most prominent and public-spirited citizens of Wayne County, and is highly esteemed and cordially liked by all who know him. Like his father, he is a Democrat.

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HON. JOHN W. BAUGHMAN is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, a son of Solomon and Lathena Baughman. His paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth Baughman, were natives of Washington County, Penn., where they were married, and in 1810 they moved with their family to Wayne County, Ohio, locating in what is





now Baughman Township, which was named in honor of John Baughman. He was elected justice of the peace a number of terms, and his commissions are still in the possession of his grandson, John W. He was a well-educated man for his time, and was a leader in his township. He died in 1837. He was an old-time Democrat, voting for Thomas Jefferson, the party's candidate for President. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a large family, of whom only the youngest, David, survives, at present a resident of Chippewa Township.

Solomon, the eldest of the family, was born March 20, 1800, and when ten years old his parents moved to Wayne County. He served an apprenticeship at the carriage and wagon-maker's trade, and opened the first factory in Dalton. He was a successful business man, and was elected to fill various official positions in the township, among others that of treasurer and trustee. His wife, *nee* Luthena Black, was a native of Maryland, and when a child accompanied her parents, James and Rosanna Black, to Stark County, Ohio. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under Gen. Harrison. Solomon and Luthena Baughman had a family of four children: John W., Elizabeth, James and Jacob. The father died March 18, 1887.

John W. Baughman is the only member of his father's family now living. He was educated at the public school and the academy at Dalton, which was then under the supervision of the United Presbyterian Church, attending school until about seventeen years old, when he began teaching in the winter, alternating with work in his father's shop. In 1855 he was elected to the Legislature by the Democratic party, serving one term. In 1868 he was elected clerk of the courts, and removed to Wooster, being re-elected in 1871. In 1886 he was again elected by the Democratic party to represent Wayne County in the Legislature, and was re-elected in 1888.

Mr. Baughman was married January 1, 1857, to Miss Charlotte Barkdull, a native of Wayne County, daughter of Peter and Sarah Barkdull, and they have two children, Luthena and Emily.

JOHN McCLELLAN, of Wooster, is one of the oldest living settlers of Wayne County, Ohio, and was born in Beaver County, Penn., in 1810. His father, also named John, came with his wife and two children, John and Rebecca, to the then wild county of Wayne in



1813. The land was a dense forest, the haunt of wild animals and equally wild Indians. The father was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., March 3, 1785, and the mother, *nee* Nancy Elder, in Franklin County, Penn., December 4, 1787. They were married in Beaver County, Penn., September 22, 1806. The father was a blacksmith, and followed his trade at Wooster until 1824, when he moved to a farm five miles south of that place. There he lived about seven years, when he moved to near Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio, where he died March 1, 1867. He was quite a politician, and in his earlier years was a Jackson Democrat, but later became a Republican. He was also an active member of the Seceder Church, afterward by the union was a United Presbyterian, and a man of positive convictions on every subject. Nancy (Elder) McClellan, mother of the subject of our sketch, was of an English family, the date of whose coming to this country is lost. Her father, John Elder, became totally blind twelve or fifteen years before his death. Nancy lived with her son, William E. McClellan, after her husband's death, she dying in 1874, at the age of eighty-seven years. Like her father, she became blind some fourteen years before her death, and remained so for twelve years, when her sight was partially restored, so that she could distinguish objects, colors, etc. She and

her husband had six more children born to them after coming to Wayne County, viz.: James, Jane, Clark Beveridge, William E., Mary Ann and Harvey Robert. All are now living except James.

John McClellan, our subject, received his first education in the typical log school-house of the day. At eighteen years of age he became a clerk, and having established a reputation for integrity and tact, he was two years later furnished with capital with which to start in business for himself, which he did at Fredericksburgh in 1832. In 1836 he sold out and returned his borrowed capital, with interest, having been quite successful. He then entered into partnership with his former employer in Wooster, but he, becoming embarrassed, became a burden to Mr. McClellan, so the latter retired from the firm, and in 1842 went back to Fredericksburgh, again engaging in business there, and there remained until 1853, when he again sold out, and purchased a farm in Wooster Township, four miles south of Wooster, on which he lived four years, when he went to the latter city to live. His success had been ample enough to warrant his retiring from active life, but desiring to keep his boys employed when not in school, he started a shoe store, which he carried on some three years, till the breaking out of the war, when his elder son, Jesse, enlisted, and the younger,





Lewis, went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained twelve years. In 1868 Mr. McClellan took an active part in the founding of the University of Wooster, being one of its originators. In 1870 it was opened, and Mr. McClellan became its first treasurer, retaining that position for fifteen years, loaning all its moneys and having charge of its funds. He devoted most of his time to the cause of the university, for whose advancement he did as much as any person connected therewith. He is still a member of its Board of Directors.

We speak now of the domestic life of Mr. McClellan. November 13, 1837, he was married to Miss Maria M. Mitchell, daughter of Samuel and Mary (McGugen) Mitchell, of Franklin Township, of which they were pioneers, having settled there in 1812. The father was a native of Franklin County, Penn., born June 5, 1776, and went with his parents to Washington County, Penn., where, on January 6, 1808, he was married to Mary McGugen, and they became the parents of four children. To Mr. and Mrs. McClellan were born five children: Maria Antoinette became wife of J. B. Motherwell, of Geneseo, Ill., and is now deceased; Jesse is in business in Wooster; Mary is wife of L. J. Barker, of Great Bend, Kas., who had been revenue collector in Wooster for twenty years; Lewis is a

resident of Wooster, and a partner of his brother Jesse, and Martha E. lives with her parents. In November, 1887, the parents celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding, at which a host of friends were present and tendered their congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. McClellan are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is one of its elders, and for many years has labored earnestly for its advancement. Politically he was formerly a Whig, then joined the Republican party on its formation, and has ever since been one of its supporters. During the war he was an active friend of the Union, and aided much in lessening suffering and sorrow among the distressed in Wayne County. He has filled various positions, and is still a trustee of the University of Wooster, and a member of its finance committee. Not only is Mr. McClellan in comfortable circumstances, but he is marked as one who uses his means to help every worthy cause and to benefit others. He is essentially a self-made man, who, by his steady application to business, good judgment and integrity, has made a marked success, and has won the esteem of all with whom he has been brought into contact, and made many friends. Himself and his beloved wife are now advanced in years, and, like pious Christians, are calmly awaiting the summons home.





**GEORGE B. SIEGENTHALER.**

**G** This gentleman is a native of Wayne County, born in Wayne Township February 9, 1833. His parents, George and Mary (Bresler) Siegenthaler, were both natives of Pennsylvania, who, in search of cheaper lands and virgin soil, immigrated to this county about 1831, and secured a farm in Wayne Township. In his native State the father had been a weaver by occupation, but after coming to Ohio gave his entire attention to agricultural matters. His wife was a daughter of John and Rebecca Bresler, and of their union eight children were born, of whom five are now surviving, our subject and his brother Alfred residents of Wayne County. In 1872 the husband and father went to his last home, at the age of seventy-two. His widow died May 25, 1889, in Wooster, in her eighty-fourth year.

The subject of our sketch attended the schools of his native township, and in 1851 began learning the trade of tanning in Wooster, and three years later, in 1854, began business for himself, continuing in it for twenty-five years. In 1875 he opened a shoe store on West Liberty Street, Wooster, at the same time carrying on his tanning business. This latter he afterward sold, and has since given his entire attention to his shoe trade, and now carries the largest stock of that line in

Wooster. December 25, 1856, Mr. Siegenthaler was united in marriage with Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Summers, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father died in Wooster in 1888, in his eighty-second year, and the mother died April 12, 1889, in her seventy-fifth year. On November 9, 1886, Mrs. Lydia Siegenthaler passed to her last home, at the age of fifty-two. She had borne our subject four children, all of whom are now living, viz.: Harvey, a resident of Springfield, Ohio; Caroline, wife of H. H. Miller, of Canton, Ohio; Martha and Edward, living with their father. Mrs. Siegenthaler was a member of the Baptist Church.

The parents of Mr. Siegenthaler were counted among the pioneers of Wayne County. When they came here they had to clear in the forest a place on which to build a home, and the timber felled was used to make the log cabin in which they first lived. They endured the hardships incidental to a pioneer life, and had the satisfaction of seeing their children all well settled. Our subject has made his own way in the world, and has been successful. He started a poor boy, but by nutiring energy, industry, and habits of thrift and economy, has amassed a fair competence. Better than all, he has justly earned, and now enjoys, the esteem and good wishes of all who know him. In his political



views he is a Democrat; he is not a member of any of the fraternities.

**M**ICHAEL MILLER is a well-known citizen of Wayne County, and is a native of Pennsylvania, born in York County, November 12, 1813. His parents, both natives of the same State, were Michael and Ann M. (Horn) Miller, who had eleven children, of whom four are yet living, our subject and two others in Wayne County, and one in Williams County, Ohio. In the spring of 1835 the parents came west with their family, settling in Wooster Township, where both died, the father at the age of eighty-three years.

The subject of these lines had but limited opportunities for learning. As a lad he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and he attended night school to obtain an education. When he was twenty-two years old he settled in Wooster, working at his trade. December 21, 1837, Mr. Miller was married to Hannah, daughter of John and Polly Kauke, a native of Wayne County, born in 1820. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom twelve grew to maturity. They were named: Perry; Elizabeth, now Mrs. H. Myer; Jane, now deceased, who

was the wife of John Stevens; Araminta, also became the wife of Mr. Stevens; Kate, wife of Lambert Sellers; Henry Harrison, Otto and Benjamin, all of Wooster; Ellen was Mrs. C. Webster, of Indianapolis, Ind., and is now deceased; Nellie is the wife of Frank Maxhimer, of Stark County, Ohio; John is deceased; one child died in infancy, and Anna is the wife of Aug. W. Eberly, of Wooster.

On first coming to Wooster our subject, not finding work, went to Cleveland in search of it, going on foot, not being able to pay stage hire. Returning to Wooster, he found employment, and from a poor journeyman he grew to be the most extensive contractor and builder in Wooster, where he has erected most of the principal buildings and many fine residences. He built all the school buildings in the city, the university, county jail and infirmary. Politically he is a Democrat, and has filled a number of public offices. He has been township trustee, township treasurer, and for a number of years a member of the city council. He and his devoted wife are members of the Disciples Church, and in 1887 had the pleasure of entertaining a large number of friends at their golden wedding. Mr. Miller is one of Wayne County's best known and most highly respected citizens, whose success in life is solely the result of his own energy, integrity and business





tact. Beginning life a poor boy, he has won for himself not only wealth, but an honorable name and place in the community. About ten years ago he partially retired from active labor, and although still engaged in business, takes life much easier.

Otto, next to the youngest son of our subject, was born in Wooster January 13, 1861. He attended the Wooster High School, and in 1882 entered a medical college in Cincinnati, but his health failing he returned to Wooster and engaged in the grocery business with his brother Benjamin, the firm being Miller Bros. June 7, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Mand Jackson, daughter of William and Hannah Jackson, and a native of Wooster. The father died in Crestline, Ohio; the mother is now living in Wooster. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of the Crestline High School.

**J**AMES C. SIDLE, son of John and Joanna (Carson) Sidle [see sketch of John C. Sidle], was born February 13, 1850, in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. He was married April 27, 1871, to Mina Tyler, of Plain Township, Wayne County, and by her has the following-named children: Cliffe, born July

27, 1873; Shirley, born August 19, 1879, and Riley Tyler, born April 27, 1887, all now living.

James C. Sidle has followed farming and stock growing in Plain Township, Wayne County, since he first commenced for himself. He is interested in the famous "Abdallah" and other fine breeds of horses, as well as Jersey cattle and improved blooded sheep, and took first premiums on his stallion "Foster" at the Wayne County Fair held at Wooster in 1887. Mr. Sidle is now living on the elegant farm formerly occupied by John Gillis, on Section 8, Plain Township. With the rest of the family, he is in politics a staunch Republican.

**W**ILLIAM H. WILER. This well-known citizen of Wooster is a native of the county, born in Wooster Township, April 18, 1855. Both of his parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and had migrated to Wayne County early in the thirties. His father's name was Philip Wiler, and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Weirich. They settled upon a tract of new land in Wooster Township, where he had to clear away the forest to make room for his home. There they endured the hardships and discom-



forts of a pioneer life, their labors sweetened by the knowledge that they were creating a comfortable home for the children growing up around their cabin. Their principal crop, in fact the only one they could turn into ready money, was wheat, and the nearest market for that was Massillon, Ohio. This home the pioneer occupied with his family until a few years before his death, when he removed to Wooster, dying there in 1880, at the age of seventy years. The mother and wife is now living in Wooster, aged sixty-nine. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. To this worthy couple had been born six children, of whom we make the following record: Sarah is now Mrs. Christian Shelley, of Plain Township, this county; John is living in Ash-tabula County, Ohio; Christiana, now Mrs. Andrew Branstetter, lives near Wooster; Mary died in 1874; Ella is Mrs. James Miller, of Wooster; William H. is the youngest of the family

William H. Wiler, of whom we write, received his education in Wooster, and learned in his youth the trade of carpentry. Upon reaching his majority, however, he established himself in the boot and shoe business at Wooster, and has ever since continued therein. In 1876 he was married, taking for his life partner Miss Mary Lucas, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Ritter) Lucas, and a native of

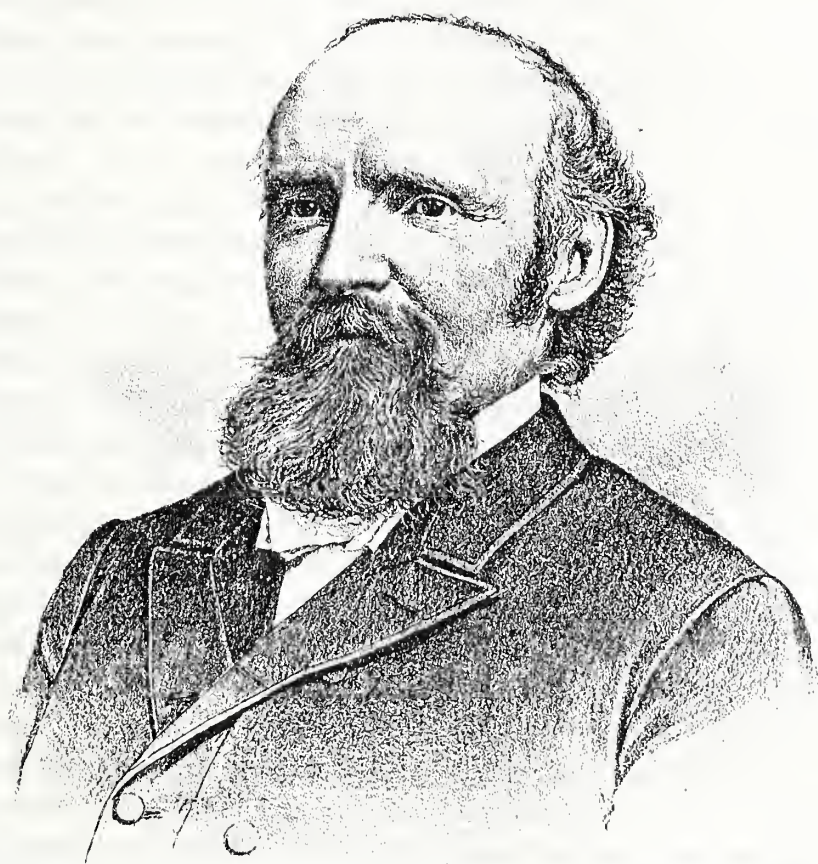
Pennsylvania. Three children came to bless their union, one of whom, Roy, born in 1878, died when six months old; Zella, born in 1880, and Charles, in 1882, are the survivors.

Mr. Wiler holds an honored place in the business and social circles of Wooster, and he is justly esteemed as a business man whose word may always be depended upon, and a citizen who takes a pride in and does his share toward the growth and prosperity of his native county. His first start in the shoe business was in partnership with his father-in-law, Josiah Lucas, which connection continued until 1882, since when our subject has been alone. In the beneficial and secret fraternities Mr. Wiler takes much interest. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order, of the Iron Hall, and of the Royal Arcanum. He and his wife are both members of the Lutheran Church of Wooster.

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**D**R. JOSEPH E. BARRETT, one of the best known physicians of Wooster, was born in Lycoming County, Penn., December 24, 1833. His father, William Day Barrett, was born in Yorkshire, England, July 2, 1809, and when twelve or fourteen years of age came to America with his father and





Joseph E. Barrett M.D.





maternal grandfather, latter of whom died in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather of our subject was drowned in the Schuylkill River, Pennsylvania. William Day Barrett was a carpenter and cooper by trade, and also a produce dealer. In Pennsylvania he was married to Maria Morris, a native of Lycoming County, Penn., whither her parents had come from New Jersey. Her ancestors were Welsh and German, the name on her mother's side being Shipman. To this union were born ten children, nine of whom still live. The father was an active politician, and a strong Abolitionist, becoming in 1850 a Republican; the mother was born in Lycoming County, Penn., in 1811, and died March 20, 1880, aged sixty-eight years.

The subject of this commemorative record, as a boy, spent his time in his native town, obtaining his education in the public schools of Wooster, Ohio, and at eighteen he became a school-teacher, a profession he followed several years. He then went to the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1861, having acquired part of his medical knowledge in the office of Dr. Timothy H. Baker, of Wooster, Ohio. In 1862 he went as assistant surgeon of the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, first becoming State surgeon, and resigned in the fall of 1865. He had been commissioned full surgeon

of the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was then made chief operator of the Army of the Shenandoah, and for a time was in charge of a division hospital; had the care of all the wounded officers of the Eighth Army Corps after the battle of the 19th of September, 1864. The Doctor attended the hospital duties until the spring of 1865, remaining during the winter at Winchester, Va. On the 4th of August, 1863, he was married to Orrilla, daughter of Charles Boydson, of East Union Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and then returned to Kanawha River, opposite Charleston, West Va., where his regiment lay encamped, taking up his quarters in a tent, in which he remained all the fall and winter, in the same yard with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hayes, and several other officers and their wives. After resigning his commission the Doctor returned to Wooster, Ohio, where he began the practice of medicine, and has since continued. To Dr. and Mrs. Barrett have been born four children, viz.: Alpha, Edward Jenner, Grace and Lucy Hayes, all at home.

Dr. and Mrs. Barrett are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Sunday-school of which the Doctor has for ten years been superintendent. He is secretary of Wayne County Medical Society and a member of the American Medical Association. He is a member of



the Masonic fraternity, having been senior warden of Blue Lodge and Chapter, and is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has served as a member of the Board of Health for some time, and has always been an active worker in whatever might tend to improve his county and its people. Politically he is a Republican, and ever an out-and-out temperance advocate, both by precept and in the practice of his profession. He graduated in the class of 1882 (Chautauqua Class), becoming second president of the same, and continued a member for some six or seven years after graduating. He passed through all the excitement and experiences of the army without tasting intoxicating liquor; and never in all his life has he drank a glass of whisky.

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**P**ERRY WEAVER, son of David Weaver, was born in Centre County, Penn., May 15, 1822. His father, who was also a native of that county and State, came to Ohio in 1831, locating in Congress Township, Wayne County, where he purchased 160 acres of land, and here spent the remainder of his days, dying in his sixty-eighth year. He reared and educated a family of ten children, who grew to manhood and womanhood.

His son, Perry, the subject proper of these lines, received a liberal education at the public schools, and in his boyhood and early manhood experienced the Arcadian life of a farmer's boy, from which he evolved, by his own individual exertions, into the successful and highly respected agriculturist he is to-day. December 31, 1841, he was united in marriage with Mary Ann, daughter of John Funnalman, who was one of the early pioneers of Wayne County, Ohio. To this union were born fourteen children, six of whom survive. Mr. Weaver commenced life with \$500 given him by his father, and by hard work, indomitable perseverance, careful industry and judicious management he has now one of the finest improved farms in the county, embracing 228 acres. He and his estimable wife have long been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics he is a Democrat.

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**M**ARION B. THRIG, farmer, Wayne Township, Wayne County. Jacob Thrig, grandfather of M. B. Thrig, was born in Washington County, Penn., February 25, 1792, and during the War of 1812 was a contractor for the supply of provisions to the western army. In 1815 he immigrated to Wayne Coun-





ty, settling in Wayne Township, and helped to organize the township in 1816. He was in the same year elected captain of a militia company, and in 1825 was made major of the regiment. Mr. Ihrig was justice of the peace from 1824 to 1851, and was elected commissioner of the county in 1827. He was an active, public-spirited man, taking a prominent part in the politics of the county. He served in the Ohio Legislature from December 6, 1830, to December 4, 1837, and in the State Senate from December 3, 1838, to December 7, 1840. In 1852 he was made district assessor, and in 1853 was elected a member of the Board of Equalization. His wife was Elizabeth Eberly, whose parents were Pennsylvanians, and she became the mother of five children, whose names were Susan (Mrs. Kintner), Elizabeth (Mrs. Brenizer), Rachel (Mrs. Goodyear), Sophia and Simon P. Jacob Ihrig entered a quarter section of land, and made additional purchases, having sold but eighty acres prior to his death. He identified himself with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in early manhood, and remained a faithful member to the time of his death, in 1877. His widow is now aged ninety-two years.

Simon P., their only son, was born in 1827. He married Elizabeth Sonmedecker, daughter of John Sonmedecker. Marion B. was the only child born to this

marriage. In 1850 Simon P. Ihrig immigrated to California, and met his death by drowning, in the north branch of the Feather River, April 19, 1851. His widow, who was left in charge of the farm, afterward married Thomas Barton, who is now deceased. The mother is still living on a farm in Ashland County owned by her, and her son makes his home with her.

Marion B. Ihrig was born April 15, 1849. He was educated in the common schools of the township, and has always followed farming, and now superintends the cultivation of the homestead, which has been in the family since its entry. He is also engaged in raising and breaking colts and horses, and has never failed to bring most cases under perfect subjection. He has been moderately successful in his farming operations, and is one of the progressive men of the township, adopting new and improved methods to facilitate the work of the farm. He deservedly stands high in the estimation of those who know him. In politics he is a Democrat, taking an active part in campaign work. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school, class-leader and chorister. He was married, January 7, 1872, to Retta S. Miller, daughter of Thomas Miller, and they have had six children: Claude, born January 14, 1874; Ernest, October 6, 1876; Roy, April



22, 1880; Roscoe, September 21, 1881; Celia, August 24, 1886, and Paul, September 27, 1888. Roy died in infancy.

**H**ENRY B. HOOVER, retired farmer, living on Section 14, Greene Township, and whose postoffice address is Orrville, Ohio, is one of the oldest citizens of the township, and was born in York County, Penn., on June 21, 1813. His great-grandfather, Benjamin Hoover, with his wife, came from Germany long prior to the Revolution, settling first in Lancaster County, Penn. At that early day the Indians were very troublesome, and the settlers had to make their crops with their rifles by their sides. The history of those times gives many incidents of interest in which Benjamin Hoover and family bore a part. His son, Henry, was grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1743, and he became a farmer and minister of the Mennonite Church. Later in life he removed to York County, Penn., and bought a farm of 180 acres near Dillstown, on which he lived the remainder of his life, dying in 1825, when nearly eighty-three years of age. His wife was Mary Neeswanger, also a native of Lancaster County, Penn., who

died in 1831, when she lacked but two days of completing her eightieth year. They had six children: John, Christian, Abraham, Susanna, Barbara and Elizabeth. The latter is the only survivor, and is the widow of Jacob Napp, who died fifty-six years ago. She is a resident of Wayne County, and is eighty-nine years old.

John Hoover, father of Henry B., was born August 31, 1780, and died in Greene Township, this county, December 16, 1863, aged eighty-three years. He was brought up to farming, and lived with his father until he was thirty-one years of age. In 1814 he moved to the adjoining county of Cumberland, where he farmed until 1833, when he and his entire family removed to this county. He bought the farm where our subject and daughter now live. This farm contained 167 acres, of which but fifteen acres were cleared. The house was partially built, and was the first hewed log house in the township. It is yet a comfortable and pleasant home. John Hoover made this his home until his death, which, however, took place while he was on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Holser, on an adjoining farm. He was an industrious man, was often called upon to act as executive or administrator in settling up estates, and was a strictly upright man. He was married in York County, Penn., November 11, 1811, to Catherine Bare, a native of that county,





born September 29, 1791. She died in Greene Township October 5, 1867, aged sixty-six years and six days. This couple had but two children: Henry B. and Elizabeth (wife of Daniel Holser, living on the place where her father died). She was born in Cumberland County, Penn., July 16, 1823.

Henry B. Hoover was in his twentieth year when he came with his parents to Wayne County. He worked for his father until his marriage. The farm which he inherited from the estate is one of the best cultivated and fenced in the county. Besides the original 167 acres, it comprises six acres, with a brick house, which Mr. Hoover built for his own use when he retired from active life, twenty years ago. Mr. Hoover was married April 21, 1853, in Stark County, Ohio, to Elizabeth Christman, who was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., February 1, 1815, and came to Ohio with her mother and brother in 1851. Her brother, Jacob, is yet living in Stark County, aged sixty-two. Previous to her coming here another brother, John, had been living in that county, and on the death of the father the rest of the family joined him. John died April 5, 1888, aged seventy-seven years and two months. Mrs. Hoover comes of patriotic stock. Both of her grandfathers had been Revolutionary soldiers, and the maternal grandfather, Jacob Houk, was in

many battles. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have one child, Mary, wife of William A. Fike, whose history is given elsewhere. Mr. Hoover is well known and much respected. He has been appraiser, school director for twenty years, and has ever discharged the duties entrusted to his care with fidelity. He and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church at Orrville.

**E**MIL ROTTHAUS, a native of Germany, came to America in 1866, at the age of seventeen. After an extended tour of the Southern and Western States he reached Chicago in 1875, where he learned the baker's trade. In 1876 he came to Wooster, where, after working for two years at his trade, he commenced business for himself, opening a bakery at the southwest corner of the public square. His success shows what a thorough knowledge of and close application to business can accomplish. In 1885 he built the block on West Liberty Street, where, besides conducting a first-class bakery and confectionery, he keeps a full stock of groceries and provisions, and in the rear a well-equipped bar.

Mr. Rotthaus married, in 1877, Miss Catharine Carroll, who, though of Irish birth and parentage, was reared and edu-





cated in Baltimore, Md. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, only three of whom, Amelia, Herman and Julius, are now living.

**J**OSIAH LUCAS, of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, is on his father's side of Scottish ancestry, his grandfather having emigrated from Scotland to America many years ago. His father, Solomon Lucas, was a native of Pennsylvania, and in that State was married to Maria Hoof, who was of German extraction. They were the parents of ten children, four of whom are yet living, our subject being the only one in Wayne County. The father was a carpenter by trade, and in April, 1858, passed away, at the age of eighty-four, and in 1868 his widow died, aged eighty-six years.

The subject of this sketch was born in Lehigh County, Penn., October 4, 1826. He had but limited school facilities, and when but ten years of age began working on a farm, where he was to receive his board and clothes and three months' schooling a year, but the latter he never had. He remained at this place from 1836 till 1839, and then left and worked a time for others. In 1841 he was again hired by a farmer, remaining with him

until 1844, when he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, and completed his apprenticeship in 1847. June 5, 1849, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Barbara Ritter, and a native of Bucks County, Penn. Mr. Lucas worked at his trade several years in Pennsylvania, and in 1865 migrated to Wayne County, arriving in Wooster September 26, with his wife and ten children. For ten years he worked at his trade on the bench, and in 1876 embarked in the retail boot and shoe business, in partnership with his son-in-law, William H. Wiler, in Wooster. This connection continued until 1882, when he sold his interest, and has since then worked at his trade, manufacturing custom work. To our subject and wife thirteen children were born, of whom three are deceased, viz.: Frank P., John C. and Cassan. Those living are Josephine, at home; Alfred, a resident of Wooster; Mary, wife of William H. Wiler, of Wooster; Elmina, wedded to A. Kincaid, of Canton, Ohio; Ida, married to George Mayers, of Houtzdale, Penn.; Annie, now Mrs. William Linn, of Wooster; Harvey H., of Wooster; Tillie, Alberta and Janet, at home.

Our subject is essentially a self-made man, having begun at the very bottom of the ladder and without a dollar. His first start was obtained by working as a journeyman shoemaker, and when he had



saved \$14 concluded to open a shop. He bought some stock and tools, and was obliged to run in debt for one set of lasts, for which he promised to pay in a week, and at the end of that time was able to meet his obligation. Since about 1851 he has been an employer, having usually six or more men working for him. His success is due to his steady industry, his sterling honesty and uprightness, which gained him the confidence of those with whom he was brought into contact, and these were the principal factors in building up his business. To-day he is one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Wayne County, and one of whom everyone who knows him speaks in terms of praise. In politics Mr. Lucas was formerly a Democrat, but later he joined the Republican party, with which he is now affiliated. Since May, 1850, he has been a member of the Odd Fellows order, and he and his estimable wife are respected members of the Lutheran Church of Wooster.

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**CYRUS BOWMAN**, distiller, Wayne Township, is one of the representative citizens of Wayne County. He was born in Cumberland County, Penn., in 1831, of German ancestry, the family

being among the early settlers of the United States. The first of whom we have any record was the grandfather of our subject, Christian Bowman, who was born in Lancaster County, Penn., and married Ann Horst. They had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters. Christian Bowman, Sr., died in Lexington, Ky. Their third son, Henry, was born in York County, Penn., in 1808, and died in Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1844. He was a farmer and miller by occupation. He married Miss Martha Musser, daughter of Dr. Joseph Musser, and to them were born seven children, four sons and three daughters, Cyrus being the eldest of the family. He was given fair educational advantages, and began his life of labor by learning the harness-maker's trade. He subsequently was employed three years at clerking and milling, and in 1864 started a distillery at Cedar Valley, where he remained until 1880, when he removed to Tiffin, Ohio, and operated a distillery for his son, C. K. Bowman, up to July, 1883, at which time he removed to Wooster, Ohio, where his son, C. K. Bowman, purchased the old Stibbs property, formerly a woolen manufactory, and converted it into a distillery, and he is now superintending the same for his son. This is the only distillery in the State of Ohio that manufactures exclusively all rye whisky, distilled in all





copper stills, and guaranteed free from fusel-oil and drugs.

Mr. Bowman was married in 1854 to Mary A. Krysher, and to them have been born four children, three of whom are living: Clarence K., Cora M. and Maud (now Mrs. Keller). Clarence K. married Miss Maggie Landow, daughter of Henry Landow, and they have three children. Mr. Bowman is a member of the Masonic fraternity; in politics he is a Democrat.

**I** SAAC BECHTEL. This old and well-known citizen of Wayne County is of German ancestry, but the family have for several generations been natives of America. He was born in Northampton County, Penn., December 29, 1816. His father, George Bechtel, and his paternal grandparents were also natives of the same State. His maternal grandfather, Jacob Berto, was also a native American, whose ancestors came from France. George Bechtel was by occupation a farmer, and grew to manhood in his native State, where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Berto, daughter of Jacob and Franie Berto, and a native of Berks County, Penn.

In search of a better home and cheaper lands on which to settle the family grow-

ing up around them, George Bechtel and wife came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1836, arriving at Wooster May 8. He first purchased a small farm, about three miles from Wooster, and by industry and thrifty habits, aided by a good wife, was, after a time, enabled to increase his possessions, becoming the owner of 200 acres of good land, and a grist-mill and a saw-mill on Crawford's Run. The good wife and mother was called to her last rest in September, 1854, at the age of sixty-four years. She had borne eight children, as follows: Jacob B. and Hetty, both now deceased; Sarah, widow of Henry Hess; Isaac; Franie, now Mrs. J. Bahl, of Wilson County, Kas.; Abraham, living in this county; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Allen, of Seneca County, Ohio, and Reuben, who was a Union soldier, and died while in the service, near Vicksburg, Miss., June 11, 1863, at the age of thirty-three years. After the death of his wife George Bechtel retired from the harder labors of life, and was later married to Catherine Beerbaugher, who died January 18, 1876. In November of the same year her husband followed her to the grave, at the age of eighty-eight years. His life had been an active one, and having always enjoyed good health, he was able to do much for the upbuilding of his adopted county. Though not in any sense a politician, he was an old-line Whig, and cast his ballot



regularly for the candidates of his party. He was a member of the German Reformed Church.

Isaac Bechtel, the subject proper of these lines, had but limited school advantages, and early worked on his father's farm. He was twenty years old when he came to Ohio. In 1843 he was married to Caroline, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Troutman, all natives of Berks County, Penn. Her mother died in Henry County, Ohio, and her father in Wooster Township, this county. Our subject and his wife have had but one child, Lizzie, who attained the age of nine years, when she joined the silent majority. In politics Mr. Bechtel was first a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party joined its ranks, and acted with it until he became convinced that the cause of prohibition, of which he is an earnest advocate, would never be aided by either of the old parties, and he then joined the Prohibition party ranks, of which he is now one of its most active members. In the fall of 1877 Mr. Bechtel became superintendent and treasurer of the Wooster Cemetery Association. Since 1846 he has been affiliated with the Odd Fellows order, and he and his wife are members of the English Lutheran Church. Widely and favorably known throughout the county, Mr. Bechtel will long be remembered,

not only as one of its early settlers, but as a citizen whose character and conduct is above reproach, and who has done his share to advance its prosperity.

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**A**NDREW MILBOURN is a son of Josiah and Eunice (Pratt) Milbourn, and was born on the homestead he now occupies, in East Union Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 26, 1822. Josiah Milbourn, with his mother, Jemima, and two brothers and four sisters, came from Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1816, and located on Section 3, in East Union Township, Wayne County. Andrew, his eldest brother, was in the War of 1812, and died in Michigan; Thomas, the next brother, died in Richland County, Wis.; Keziah died in De Kalb County, Ind.; Jane died in Huron County, Ohio; Sarah died in Iowa; Deborah died in East Union Township, Wayne County. Josiah was born in Loudoun County, Va., in 1799, and died in 1880. He was the youngest of the family, and when first starting out for himself he worked on the farm now owned by our subject, on Section 10, East Union Township. In 1827 he purchased one-half of the present quarter of land occupied by the latter, where he died. He was a prominent Democrat, and



held various township offices. His widow died in Wayne Township in 1889. Their family consisted of six children: Maria, wife of Samuel Swinehart, of East Union Township, Wayne County; Andrew, our subject; Sarah, deceased wife of Charles Boydston; Eunice, deceased wife of Peter Mowrer; Sophronia, wife of Israel Grady, of Wooster; Jane, who died in infancy.

Andrew, whose name heads this sketch, attended the schools of that period, and has always followed farming. December 7, 1845, he married Miss Matilda, daughter of Henry Mowrer, of East Union Township, Wayne County, and by this union were born eleven children, two of whom (sons) died in infancy. Those living are Maria, who is the wife of Thomas Grody, of Illinois, and has two children—Andrew and Samantha; Amanda, wife of Stephen Mowry, of Smithville, Ohio, has one child, Effie; Martha, wife of Joshua S. Bowman, of East Union Township, has three children: Walter, Sloan and Alma; Mary, wife of William S. Fisher, of East Union Township, Wayne County, has one child, Perry; Laura, wife of Jacob Holtser, of Orrville, has one child, Ellis; Eunice, wife of Isaac J. Smith, of Wayne Township, Wayne County, has three children: Harvey, Laura and Glen; Kate, wife of Calvin Culler, of Wooster Township, Wayne County, has one child, June; Alma, wife of J. Edgar Frick, of Wayne Town-

ship, Wayne County, has two children, Charles and Gail; Tillie, wife of William Culler, of Wooster Township.

Mr. Milbourn is a Democrat in politics. He served as postmaster at East Union for four years under the administration of President Buchanan, and has been supervisor and trustee of the township. He has also been treasurer of the East Union Insurance Company. He and family attend the Lutheran Church. His mother was a daughter of Oliver Pratt, a native of Boston, and his wife, Jedidah Luce, was a native of Martha's Vineyard. They settled in the State of Maine, where the mother of Andrew Milbourn was born, and then moved to Albany, N. Y. Coming to Ohio in 1814, they remained in Trumbull County for one year, and in 1815 they entered the tract of land which was afterward purchased by Josiah Milbourn, and is now owned by our subject. Mr. Pratt engaged in farming and the raising of silk-worms. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church.

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**G** W. LESSITER, son of William Lessiter, a native of England, who came to the United States in 1843, was born November 10, 1848, in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. His





father came to Wayne County, Ohio, from Doylestown, Ohio, and to Jefferson, Plain Township, in 1853.

The subject of this biographical memoir was educated at the local schools of his township, and learned harness-making, a trade he has followed for a considerable period of time. He was also for some time United States mail carrier between Wooster, Wayne County, and Ashland, Ashland Co., Ohio, and in 1881 he was appointed postmaster at Plain, which office he still holds. In same year Mr. Lessiter opened a general country store at Jefferson, Plain Township, in connection with harness-making, and is meeting with good success. March 10, 1870, he married Emma H. Gardner, of Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and by her had the following-named children: William W., Frank W. and Frederick C., all yet living.

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**F**RED. H. HARDING, of the firm of Harding & Co., hardware merchants, of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1858. His father, William A. Harding, is a native of the city of New York, born in a house on Vandewater Street, the site of which now forms a part of one of the arches of the great Brooklyn bridge. He

went to Wisconsin in 1843, and there remained a number of years in the mercantile business, when he returned to New York, and went into the Panama Railroad office, and afterward for some years he was a dry goods jobber. He is now a professional accountant. His father was an Englishman by birth. On the maternal side, our subject's great-grandfather was of French Huguenot blood; his maternal grandfather was born in America, and held for many years an official position as harbor master at the port of New York. William A. Harding, father of Frederic H., was united in marriage, in the city of New York, with Miss Kate S. Fountain, daughter of Capt. Gideon Fountain, who was of an old Staten Island, N. Y., family, and was born in New York. Of this union seven children were born, of whom Frederic H. is the only one living in Wayne County, Ohio. A brother, William A. Harding, Jr., had preceded him to this county, coming here about 1873, but he died in 1881.

The subject of this sketch came to Wayne County in 1878, and was established in the hardware business with his brother, William A. Harding, Jr., as Harding & Co., and has ever since been engaged there. He is one of the younger merchants of Wooster, and by his thorough business-like ways and scrupulous honesty in all his transactions has acquired the



confidence of the people, and in consequence thereof he has a good and growing trade. He is well known, and is respected by all. He is a Republican in politics, and socially has membership in the I. O. O. F., K. O. T. M. and National Union.

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**D**AVID W. BECHTEL, merchant, Wooster, was born in Wooster Township, July 1, 1843. He is of German ancestry, and his father, Jacob B. Bechtel, was a native of Pennsylvania, a farmer by occupation, and the owner of a saw-mill. Upon reaching manhood, Jacob B. was married to Elizabeth, daughter of George Ridenhour, and in 1842 the family came to Wayne County, and settled upon a partially improved farm. Here the parents of our subject passed the remainder of their lives, the father dying in December, 1885, at the age of seventy-three years, and three months later the mother followed him to the grave, also aged seventy-three. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and she of the German Lutheran Church. This worthy couple were the parents of fourteen children, nine now surviving, and all but one making their homes in Wayne County. Jacob Bechtel was an industrious man, who made his

own way in the world. He started a poor boy, but died fairly well off. He always bore the reputation of an honest and trustworthy man.

David W. Bechtel attended the common schools in winters for a few months, and stayed on the home farm until he was seventeen years of age, then going to Sandusky City to learn the trade of carriage-making. The firm failing, he returned to Wooster, where for a few months he worked at his trade. August 13, 1862, he offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company F, One Hundred and Second Ohio Infantry, and served almost three years. After receiving his discharge he returned to Wayne County, and in October, 1865, became a clerk in a dry goods store, in which he remained ten years. For a year after that he traveled for a Philadelphia firm, and then for six years he was in the office of the supreme reporter of the K. of H. at Wooster. Following this he was again employed in a dry goods house, and in June, 1885, began for himself, dealing in wall-papers, window-shades, toys, fancy goods and novelties, of which he keeps a large and well-assorted stock.

In 1868 Mr. Bechtel was married to Rebecca, daughter of J. C. Plumer, sketch of whom appears elsewhere, and four children have been born to them, Harvey C., Mary A., Bessie and Julia, all at home.





Mr. Beehtel is a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Royal Arcanum, and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Wooster. He is one of Wooster's bright young business men, who is by his upright character and life winning the esteem of all who know him.

**F**RANK SNYDER was born in Bucks County, Penn., in 1830. His grandfather, Andrew Snyder, was a native of Zweibrücken, Germany, on the Rhine, and came to this country in 1760, and for over five years served in the Revolutionary War. He had a family of twelve children, one of the older ones being George, the father of our subject.

George Snyder married Mary Mickley, whose father, Philip Mickley, served seven years in the Revolutionary War. Her grandfather also came from Zweibrücken, Germany, in 1720. Part of the family were killed by the Indians in one of their great massacres. Philip escaped by hiding in the underbrush, while a little brother and sister were tomahawked near by. The family owned the grounds at Gettysburg upon which is now the National Cemetery, and their family burial grounds are still there, having been set aside and preserved by the National Gov-

ernment. To George Snyder and wife were born ten children, as follows: Catherine, now Mrs. John King, of Bedford, Iowa; Aaron, of Osage, Iowa; Lewis M., for a long time a map publisher, of Chicago, Ill., died in 1888; Eliza, married to William Miller, died in 1853; Henry died in 1848; Frank, whose name heads this sketch; William, a map publisher, of Chicago, died in 1878; Mary, now Mrs. Philip Hine, of Spencer Centre, Ohio; Sophia, wife of Rev. Samuel Coaklin, of Rows, Ohio, and George W., pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Davenport, Iowa, who served three years in the volunteer service and one year in the regular service during the War of the Rebellion.

George Snyder remained in Bucks County until after his father's death, when he was appointed administrator of the estate. In 1834, with his family, consisting at that time of his wife and seven children, he moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled in the southern part of Chester Township, near the present town of New Pittsburgh, buying forty acres of land. He afterward sold his first purchase and bought a larger adjoining farm. He lived to make many valuable improvements in his township, and to realize, in a measure, at least, the consummation of his fond hopes in regard to his adopted county, dying at the advanced age of nearly eighty years.



Frank Snyder was reared in Chester Township, being but four years of age when his parents settled here. He was early inured to the work of the farm, receiving the educational advantages afforded in the common schools of those days. When twenty years of age he began to learn the carpenter's trade, and when twenty-two years old, the trade of a millwright, at which he continued thirty-two years, building and remodeling a number of the mills of Wayne and adjoining counties. In 1884 he bought the farm where he now lives of John Myers' heirs. It contains 200 acres of choice land, and the improvements are among the best in the township. Mr. Snyder married Miss Ella Myers, daughter of John Myers, and they have two children: Wayne and Mary. Mr. Snyder is a member of the Methodist Church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist Church. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

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**J** C. PLUMER, a well-known old resident of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., September 28, 1821, and is a son of Lazarus and Jane Plumer, both natives of the Keystone State. His grandfather, George Plumer, was born at Port

Pitt, and was said to be the first white child born west of the Alleghanies. He was a farmer by occupation, and was married to a Miss Lowery. Lazarus Plumer was married to Jane Craig, whose parents were born and died in Pennsylvania. Of their union ten children were born (three of whom are yet living), three in this county. In 1840 the family migrated to Wayne County, to make it their future home. The parents had first come here in 1822, but on account of the sickness of the mother had returned to Pennsylvania. They settled in Chester Township, where the mother died in 1843, aged forty-four years. Her husband broke up house-keeping in 1846, and died in 1863, at the age of seventy-one. Both of the parents had been members of the Presbyterian Church.

J. C. Plumer received a common-school education, and early began to learn the trade of blacksmithing, but after coming here worked with his father on the farm. In 1844 he was married to Mary, daughter of Robert and Margaret Patterson, and a native of Wayne County. In the spring of 1846 he volunteered for the Mexican War, and on June 9 left Wooster as a member of Company E, Third Ohio Infantry, and served thirteen months and four days. He lived in Wayne Township until April, 1848, when he removed to Adams County, Ind., where he worked



at his trade until November, 1855, when he came back to Wooster, and followed his trade there for some time. In the fall of 1856 he was made a deputy sheriff, holding the position for two years. In April, 1861, he removed to Congress Township, and on the outbreak of the Rebellion he enlisted in Capt. Bailey's company for three months' service. In forming the Sixteenth Ohio Regiment, Capt. Bailey was made major and Aquila Wiley was made captain, and our subject second lieutenant of Company C. Soon after he was attacked with varicose veins and rheumatism, when he resigned his position, returning to Congress Township, removing to Wooster in the fall of the same year. Following spring he entered the employ of Baumgardner & Co., with whom he remained until May, 1862, when he again enlisted for three months, this time in Company E, Eighty-fifth Ohio Infantry, being second lieutenant thereof. They served their term at Camp Chase, and on the expiration of service, in September, returned to Wooster, where he has since made his home.

Our subject and his wife had three children: Rebecca, now wife of David W. Beehtel, living in Wooster, and Margaret J. and Washington J., both deceased. Formerly Mr. Plumer was a Democrat, but in 1854 became a Republican, and voted for Abraham Lincoln for

President in 1860, and has since been a Republican. He takes much interest in the fraternities. Since 1855 he has been connected with the Odd Fellows order—both branches; since 1869 has been a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in 1875 joined the Knights of Honor, being elected supreme reporter, and afterward grand reporter, holding the first position six years and the latter eight years. At present he is grand treasurer of the Knights of Honor. In 1878 Mr. Plumer joined the Royal Arcanum and the G. A. R.

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**S** H. BOYD, of the firm of Laubach & Boyd, is a native of this county, born in Wooster Township, near the city, February 21, 1851. His father, Hugh Boyd, was born in County Clare, Ireland, and was a surveyor and school-teacher in his native land. He came to America about 1840, and made his home in Wayne County, on a farm in Plain Township. About 1848 the family removed to Wooster, and there, in 1852, the father died. He was a Whig in his political preferences, and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Boyd has resided in Wooster. She was born in Penn-





sylvania, and her maiden name was Amanda Brown, being a daughter of Robert and Jane Brown, both of whom died in Wayne County. Of her union with Hugh Boyd, four children were born, viz.: Jennie A., living with her mother; John, a printer by trade, and a resident of Mansfield, Ohio; Robert B., who resides near Columbia City, Ind., and our subject.

S. H. Boyd was educated in the public schools of Wooster, and in October, 1867, at the age of sixteen, entered the employ of Zimmerman & Co. as clerk. There he remained seventeen years, at the end of which time he bought the interest of Mr. Donnelly, and entered into his present business relations. January 5, 1876, Mr. Boyd was united in marriage with Miss Mary, daughter of John Maxwell, and a native of Ashland, Ohio. Her father, who was a stone-cutter by trade, died in Wooster in 1870, and her mother, whose name was Ann, followed him to the grave in November, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have two children, William and Robert.

Mr. Boyd is one of Wooster's rising young business men, enterprising, sagacious, and of unimpeachable integrity, and stands high wherever he is known, with a bright future before him. He is a member of Ebenezer Lodge, F. & A. M., Wooster Chapter, and of Wayne Council of Massillon Commandery, K. T., also of the Royal Arcanum; he is a Republican.

HON. HIRAM B. SWARTZ, probate judge of Wayne County, Ohio, was born in a single-roomed log cabin, in the woods, on what was known as the old home farm of Samuel Swartz, in Milton Township, this county, May 27, 1846, being fourth in a family of twelve children. His early life, which was spent on the farm, was very much that of other farmer boys, with nothing special to distinguish it, unless it were his uprightness in dealing with his school-boy friends, and an unconquerable desire to always lead, which latter disposition was so plainly marked as to win for him the sobriquet of "Bully;" not, however, in the sense in which the word is usually applied, but merely to denote leadership. So closely did this appellation cling to him that it was afterward inserted as a middle letter in his name, and thus is explained the "B" which the Judge invariably places in his autograph.

He remained at home, attending the country school, until the winter of 1862, when he entered the academy at Seville, to which he returned in the succeeding school season. The winter of 1864 found him installed as pedagogue in the district where he himself was first taught, and where some five of his own brothers and sisters were placed in his charge. In the winter of 1865 he went to Granville, where he entered upon a college





*Hiram Swartz*





preparatory course, and there remained until he had completed the Freshman year of the classical course. But his work having been too incessant, his health began to fail, thereby necessitating a rest and change of climate, and he returned to his home. In the fall of 1868, having sufficiently recovered, he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor.

After some months of study in this department, and his old desire for a thorough classical education asserting itself, he at once abandoned temporarily the law, and entered the literary department of the college in January, 1869. Being an earnest and devoted student, he found he had some time still remaining after preparing his lessons for his regular classes. This time, however, he did not allow to be wasted, but employed it to still further advance himself in his law studies, to which he intended ultimately to return. Thus earnestly he worked, unbeknown to his professors, carrying a double load, and many a silent morning hour found the earnest student bending diligently over his books. Thus he continued until, with the class of 1872, he graduated from both the literary and law departments of the university, something contrary to the laws of the institution, and only permitted by the special permission of the faculty, who, upon in-

vestigation of his work and standing, found no reason for withholding their consent. This is the only case of the kind occurring in the history of the school.

Both departments of the university aim to give their respective students sufficient to keep them fully employed. Tedious, indeed, and irksome must prove the task of him who endeavors to carry, at once, both branches of work, even under the most favorable circumstances. How much more, then, must be the effort, the determination, the self-sacrificing zeal of him who, like our subject, found it necessary to do all manner of manual labor in order to secure the requisite funds to enable him to pursue his studies, boarding himself, or engineering a boarding club of fellow students? Carrying coal, sawing wood and similar work, by which he could earn a dime, was not beneath his dignity, his motto being that "all honest work is honorable if well done," and whatever he undertook to do he did thoroughly. Thus was Mr. Swartz's time fully occupied, and during his entire college course he says he never attended any merry-making, concert or festivity of any kind. Indeed, time would not have permitted him, even had he the disposition. In his college work he developed a strong love for the languages, and not only did he become proficient in them, but even in-



structed private pupils in Latin, Greek, French and German.

In 1873, at Newark, Licking Co., Ohio, he entered into partnership with his brother John, who was then also a beginner, and is now prosecuting attorney of the aforesaid county. Here he remained until October, 1875, when he removed to Wooster, and opened an office with Hon. John K. McBride. At this time, crippled by poverty, he found himself compelled to borrow \$50 wherewith to pay for moving his household goods and family, and, being short of work in his chosen profession, he dug potatoes on shares to obtain his winter's food.

In the spring of 1877, without any solicitation on his part, he was elected mayor of Wooster, in which capacity he served with remarkable success two terms, or until 1881. During his incumbency he revised the criminal ordinances, and had them bound in book form without expense to the city, and this book thus became the first real code of ordinances the city ever had. He was an especial friend of the volunteer fire department, and did all in his power to advance its interests. He also reformed the city prison system, and opposed excessive fines, but insisted on collecting all fines that were imposed. In fact, during his administration the people enjoyed one of the best city governments it ever had. Let the praise rest

where it belongs. His administration was "mild but firm," and without favor or partiality, and under his care the office of mayor was recognized as one of great advantage and dignity, insomuch that criminal causes were brought before him for trial from all parts of the county.

During his terms of office as mayor he built for himself his present home; working morning and evening before and after his business hours, he cut and prepared every stick himself, and now has the satisfaction of knowing the building is all his own handiwork. In 1881 he again entered a law office, and continued building up a good business until 1887, when he was elected to the office of probate judge, the duties of which he entered upon in February, 1888, and has since maintained its responsibilities to the satisfaction of all. In office he has no friends to reward, no enemies to punish. His political friends are mostly among the common people, and by them he is highly esteemed. His political victories have been, undoubtedly, the result of his singleness of purpose. He does no wire-pulling, knows nothing of political schemes, and, although very successful in his political ventures, he can not be called a politician. He has always in his political life been a Democrat, and since 1864 has never shrunk from any of the party responsibilities laid upon him.

On August 8, 1873, concluding "it is





not good for man to be alone," he married Miss Martha J. Davies, of Granville, Ohio, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Davies, who came to Granville from Wales in 1840. Mrs. Swartz is a lady of refinement and education, having graduated at the Young Ladies' Institute, at Granville in 1869, being then but seventeen years old. At the age of fifteen years she began teaching in connection with her studies, and later she became a teacher in the Granville public schools, where she continued until 1873. She cheerfully accepted the lot of sharing the life of a poor young attorney, and through the early years of her husband's practice, when fees were few and far between, it was her influence that held the husband steadily to his chosen work against the temptations held out by more lucrative employments. She is a woman of great commanding powers, "a helpmeet indeed," and makes her influence felt at home and in the church, she being president of the ladies missionary societies of the Baptist Church of Wooster. Five children have come of this union, viz.: Mary D., born in 1874; Josephine A., in 1876, died at the age of one year; Wayne W., born in 1878; Paul A., in 1884, and Esther L., in 1887. The eldest child, Mary D., has learned the art of typewriting and short-hand, and is a student in the Wooster High School.

In 1866 Judge Swartz united with the Baptist Church at Granville, Ohio, since which time he has been without intermission a Sunday-school superintendent—first at Sterling, then at Newark, and for the past twelve years at Wooster, during a portion of which time he had in his charge more than one school, and for twelve years at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Wooster, he was leader of the choir. The present Baptist Church at Sterling, this county, is largely the outgrowth of a Sunday-school which the Judge established there, and led from 1866 to 1872. His religious sentiments may be told in a word, viz.: "The exaltation of the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, and an entire belief in its inspiration." He is a profound believer in the sovereignty of God, and in the security of believers, and possesses in consequence no doubts. He regards his religious obligations as of a more binding nature than those of his business, and during the last twenty-three years he has been absent from scarcely a dozen meetings of his church. He was chosen deacon of the Baptist Church of Wooster in 1876, and is still serving in that capacity, being now the senior deacon of this church.

The Judge is a man of marked individualities, which some would call peculiarities. For example, at the beginning of each year he adopts mottoes for the en-





suings twelve months, and writes them at the head of his cash book, so they might exert their influence in leading his life into conformity. The following may be given as a few examples of Judge Swartz's rules of life:

Hard work, well done, a nice wife, and a family of children, that's life.—Be kind to everybody.—Speak evil of nobody, but against evil everywhere.—Be terribly down on wrong.—Don't laugh at any sin.—Keep to your work.—Use no trickery.—Always be honest with the court, and never misquote nor conceal the law.—Never argue a cause you do not believe in.—Make God's cause always first.—Be a member of no fraternity except the church.—Be a faithful Baptist, *but know why*.—God's commands first, man's reason afterward.—Push and pluck are a strong team.—An ounce of promptness is worth a pound of late work.—Business promptly and successfully done, a few honest causes well won, is better than a multitude of clients and a full purse.—Charge well, but deserve it.

At the close of each year he writes in a diary the results of the year, pointing out the line of thought to which he most closely conformed. His quiet, even temperament is due, he thinks, to his close observance of these rules, and to his unqualified temperance in all things, physical as well as mental. He has never entered a saloon, theater nor opera-house, neither has he spoken a profane word, nor tasted tobacco nor liquor. He believes man should have absolutely *no bad habits*, and none can charge him with a viola-

tion of this stern rule of life; and in his life he gives proof by his even and genial temper of the value of such a course—the temptations usually incident to office and office-seeking being no temptation to him whatever. He knows very little of the ways of the world, and never had a desire in that direction. No man has ever heard an unkind or abusive word from him, and he has a good word for everybody.

In his law practice the Judge has given considerable time to the study of the patent right laws, and has secured many patents, not only for others, but also for himself, he being, also, an inventor; one of his inventions, a window-sash lock, having proved of considerable value to him, financially. In the temperance cause the Judge became an earnest worker at the age of seventeen, at which time he began lecturing. He is opposed to the principle of license as undemocratic and monopolistic and evil in its tendencies. He believes in the largest freedom consistent with the public good.

Such has been the public, private and religious life of the subject of this sketch, a man whose inherent tendencies to uprightness, honesty and integrity early asserted themselves, and whose success has been largely his own making.



**W**ILBUR D. McCLURE. This rising young business man of Wooster, of the firm of McClure & Craighead, is a native of that city, born September 12, 1854. His father, Jonathan McClure, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., came in 1825 to Wayne County, and here remained some time on land belonging to his father, who had bought a large tract near where Wooster now stands. His father being a tinner, Jonathan learned that trade, having acquired which, he established himself in business in partnership with his brother Charles. He began business for himself about 1834 in Wooster, and continued until after the close of the war, when he went West, and purchased a farm in Missouri, remaining there, however, but one year, when he returned to Wooster, and, having repurchased his old business, carried it on until his death, which occurred in May, 1868, when he was fifty-seven years of age. In 1835 Jonathan McClure was united in marriage with Martha, daughter of Elisha Yocum, and a native of Lancaster County, Penn. Both her parents died in Wayne County, the father in 1866, at the age of eighty-nine, and the mother in 1852. Jonathan and Martha McClure had eleven children, of whom eight still live (six in Wayne County), viz.: Mary A., widow of William J. Craighead, in Wayne County; Catherine, wife of Isaac

Johnson, of Wooster; Emma, wife of L. P. Ohliger, also of Wooster; Charles W., Wilbur D. and Lewis Y., all in Wooster; Lucetta, now Mrs. W. L. Burr, in Rockford, Ill., and Albert, in Toledo, Ohio. Since her husband's decease Mrs. McClure has resided in Wooster, and although seventy-three years of age, enjoys good health. Jonathan McClure was a man of large acquaintance; he attended strictly to his own business, and was universally esteemed. He and his wife were members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wooster.

W. D. McClure, the subject proper of this commemorative record, received his education in the public schools of Wooster, and at the age of sixteen began learning the tinning trade with a brother, his father having been dead some two years. He spent eight years in a large stove manufactory in Cleveland, one year in Chicago, and in 1883 returned to Wooster, where he formed a partnership with his nephew, Edward W. Craighead, which he has since continued. Their business includes plumbing, slating and stoves, and is one of the largest in the county. They give particular attention to large jobs of roofing and plumbing, and do much in that line in the city of Wooster. February 18, 1885, our subject was united in marriage with Sarah E., daughter of Joseph Marshall, born in Plain Township,





whose parents came from Pennsylvania at an early day. Mr. Marshall has for a number of years been director of the infirmary. Mr. and Mrs. McClure have one child, Joseph. Mr. McClure is a member of the K. of M. and of the Iron Hall, and for five years was a member of the Wooster City Guards. He is one of Wooster's rising young business men, esteemed by all who know him, and has probably a bright future before him.

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**D**AVID THOMAS, a well-known citizen of Wayne County, was born November 27, 1827, in that portion of the county which was afterward made a part of Ashland County. He is a son of John and Catherine (Baker) Thomas, the former of whom was of German descent, and both were born in Pennsylvania. In search of a home, John migrated across the mountains by team, with his wife and the children then born to them. The journey was tedious and dangerous, and was made doubly sad to them by an accident. An infant daughter fell from the wagon, was run over and killed, and the bereaved parents were compelled to bury her body by the roadside. One year after arriving in Wayne County, Mr. Thomas bought the farm where David was born. Like so many

of the early settlers of the county, Mr. Thomas did not live many years after coming to it. The hardships incident to the life of the pioneer and the extremely arduous labor necessary were not favorable to a long life. Another cause which undoubtedly hastened Mr. Thomas' death was the amputation of a leg, which he had crushed in the first horse-power threshing machine ever brought into the county. He died in 1837, at the age of fifty-two, and until 1880 his widow continued to live upon the farm, awaiting the summons to join him, which came when she was eighty-three years of age. They had eight children, and David Thomas has now two brothers and two sisters living, viz.: Michael and John, both residents of Ashland County, Ohio; Mrs. William Piper, of Chester Township, this county, and Mrs. George Grindle, of Ashland City.

David Thomas spent his early years upon the place of his birth, getting such education as was afforded by the schools of that day. When about twenty years old he began clerking in a store in New Pittsburgh, continuing in that occupation until his marriage, which took place in 1856, his bride being Miss Lizzie A. Norton, a native of Wayne County, and daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Norton, former of whom died in Chester Township. After his marriage Mr.



Thomas established himself in business at Reedsburgh, Wayne County, in a general store, and there remained twelve years. Later he bought a farm in Chester Township, which he worked for twelve years more, and then retired from the active labors of life. In 1883 he, with his family, removed to the comfortable house in Wooster which has since been his home. The marriage of our subject and wife has been blessed by the birth of three children: Alice Isadore, now Mrs. C. M. Tawney, of Wooster, Ohio; Norton Emmett (deceased) and Daisy, living with her parents.

Mr. Thomas is a highly respected citizen of the city and county, and has always been a hearty supporter of all right projects for its upbuilding. He is an ardent advocate of the cause of temperance, and several times has been the candidate of the Prohibition party for county offices. He is an affiliate of the Masonic fraternity and a member of the English Lutheran Church of Wooster.

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**S**AMUEL MITCHELL. This old resident of Wayne County is a son of one of its early pioneers, and was born in Franklin Township, September 20, 1820. His grandfather, Jesse Mitchell, was a resident of Franklin

County, Penn., and was of Irish extraction. In this latter county our subject's father, Samuel Mitchell, was born, and was there married to Miss Mary McGugen, by whom he had four children: Jesse, who died in February, 1839; Cynthia, who passed from earth in 1818; Maria, wife of John McClellan, of Wooster, and Samuel.

In 1812 Samuel Mitchell, Sr., came to Wayne County, to make a home in the then new West. The Indians proved so hostile, however, that, after burying his farming tools, etc., he returned to Pennsylvania. In 1813 he came back to Wooster, where at that time but three families were living. He had left his cows to run wild on going away, and it was with great difficulty they were found. The land was wild and totally unimproved, but, building a log cabin, the brave pioneers toiled to make a home and rear a family. Both the parents lived to an old age, each being eighty-seven years old at time of death. The father passed away in 1864, and the mother in 1869. These grand and brave old pioneers were of the right material for this new and wild country, and did the work necessary to develop its resources, and to lay the foundation of its present prosperity, which is due to such as they. Mr. Mitchell was trusted and relied upon by his fellow-pioneers, and





was by them elected a number of times township trustee. For a number of years, also, he held a commission as justice of the peace. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and his wife of the Presbyterian Church, and both were well known and greatly respected by their compeers.

Samuel Mitchell, our subject, was born a pioneer's child, and in his youth had to endure the hardships and trials of those early days. His only educational facilities were such as were to be obtained in the log school-house of the day, so familiar to the children of the early settlers. But these old cabins turned out a sturdy race of men and women, well fitted to cope with the difficulties of life in a new country. In 1849 Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage with Miss Mary A., daughter of John and Nancy McClellan, whose history is given on another page in this volume. She was born in Wooster, but when a child her parents removed to a farm six miles from that place, later going to Xenia, Ohio, where she met and married Mr. Mitchell. After their marriage they came to his father's old homestead in this county, and there made their home until 1868, when they removed to Wooster, where they have since lived. They have no children, but in the Mitchell family lives Miss Sarah Preston, who has been a member of the family since 1824,

when she was a girl of ten years of age. Her grandfather, William Nixon, was one of the first residents of Franklin Township, and her father, William Preston, and her mother, *nee* Ruth Nixon, both died when the daughter was a little girl, the father in 1820, the mother in 1827.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have during their lives witnessed many changes in this part of the country. He has often heard his mother tell of being alone in their cabin with her two little children while the Indians were prowling around, and no fastening on their door; but by keeping quiet and concealed, the red-skins supposed the cabin to be empty and passed on. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are to-day among the oldest settlers in the county, in which they have hosts of friends whose good wishes attend them through life, and none are more deserving than they of a place in this work.

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**D**AVID N. SMITH is a son of James and Keziah (McCullough) Smith, natives of Washington County, Penn., who came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1820, and entered a quarter section and a one-half section of land near Jackson, in Canaan Township. The father of James Smith, a native of Ireland, settled





in Washington County, Penn., where James was born in 1791. The latter came to Wayne County poor, and experienced all the hardships of the early pioneer. Through perseverance and economy, however, he accumulated a large property, and was in every sense a self-made man, recognized as one of the prominent farmers of Canaan Township. In politics he was a Democrat, in which party he always took an active interest, and was identified with the Presbyterian Church of Jackson for many years. He died in 1875, his wife in 1863. They reared a family of nine children, viz.: Elizabeth, William, Adam and Samuel (all deceased); Margaret, widow of William Foot; Mary Ann, wife of O. A. Frary, of Canaan Township, Wayne County; David N.; Rebecca, wife of Samuel Slemmons, of Milton Township, Wayne County; Martha, a maiden lady.

The subject of this memoir was born on the homestead in Canaan Township, Wayne County, February 17, 1830, and received his education at the schools of the township. He has always followed farming for his life's vocation. In 1863 he married Miss Mary A., daughter of Emanuel Northrup, of Medina County, Ohio, and she died in January, 1879, leaving two children: De Forest, who lives on the homestead farm, married to Ida, daughter of George Mathes, of Canaan Township, Wayne County, and Clyde, at

home. Mr. Smith has always been a Democrat in politics, and has served as school director of the township for eight years. He is a member of Canaan Grange No. 1280, P. of H., and is a prominent member of the Jackson Presbyterian Church, of which he is trustee.

William Foot (deceased) was born in Connecticut, November 17, 1807, and died October 4, 1888. About 1844 he came to Wayne County, and entered a store at Jackson as clerk. He afterward purchased the business, which he conducted for many years. He was a Republican in politics, and postmaster of Jackson for several years. In 1863 he married Miss Margaret Smith, and by her had four children: Joseph McIntire in Missouri; Amanda, now Mrs. William Wallace, in Iowa; William, in Knox County, Ohio, and Alice, now Mrs. Harry Covert, in Nebraska.

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EDWARD M. GRANT was born on the homestead in Sugar Creek Township, Stark Co., Ohio, May 31, 1834, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Crawford) Grant. George Grant, the grandfather of Edward M., was a native of New Jersey, where Joseph Grant was born. The latter was brought when two years old to Washington County, Penn., where he was reared, and where



his parents died. In April, 1834, he came to the western part of Stark County, and located on a tract of one-fourth section of land adjoining Wayne County, where he lived until his death, he being seventy-six years of age. His wife was born in 1800, and died in 1878. Fifteen children were born to them, of whom those who grew to maturity were William C., of Stark County, Ohio; Jeremiah, late of Emporia, Kas., and who died June 17, 1889; Rebecca, widow of William N. Lash, of Stark County, Ohio; Kaziah (deceased); Cassie Jane (deceased); Jesse, of Stark County; John Austin, of Afton, Union Co., Iowa; Malissa, of Osceola, Clarke Co., Iowa; Alonzo, on the homestead, and Edward M.

On November 25, 1857, the subject of this memoir married Miss Parmelia, daughter of Christopher Harrold, of Holmes County, Ohio, and in 1863 they moved onto their present farm in East Union Township, Wayne County. Mr. Grant votes the Republican ticket, and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Apple Creek. He has always followed farming.

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JAMES BAKER KEYS, now a resident of Shreve, was born on the Keys farm, one-half mile west of the village, March 6, 1862. He owns and manages a large landed estate, which he

inherited from his father, William H. Keys, and his grandfather, James Keys. For several years he was owner and manager of the Shreve Roller Mills, which, during the last year, he sold, and is now looking after the interests of his farms. He is a young man of good business habits and a blameless life, and is a much esteemed citizen. He was married, October 9, 1883, to Sadie, daughter of the late Albert Richardson, a successful merchant of Shreve, and they have two children—William Albert and James Brown.

William H. Keys, father of James Baker Keys, was born in Beallsville, Washington Co., Penn., October 19, 1820, and died in Shreve, Wayne Co., Ohio, July 18, 1871. No other man who ever lived in Clinton Township filled with more dignity his place, or played with better grace the role of a Christian gentleman, good neighbor and faithful citizen, than did this plain, ingenuous farmer. It was the privilege of the writer to have been associated with him as schoolfellow, then as his teacher, and for many years thereafter as neighbor, patron and intimate friend, and in all these relations he found him the same quiet, companionable, trustworthy man. Though of positive opinions, such was his deference toward the feelings of others that he was never known to give offense to those with whom he differed in opinion. At one of his winter schools, which the





writer attended, he found some of the boys remaining at home because they had no pants, except patched ones, to wear. Mr. Keys visited them, and agreed with the boys that if they would attend school in their old clothes he would wear a pair of patched pantaloons too, which, though the only son of one of the wealthiest men of the neighborhood, he did for the entire term. We mention this incident as illustrative of the character of the man. Throughout his life he sympathized with the struggling poor. Though at no time did he own much property in Shreve, yet he and his father, James Keys, were essentially the founders of the town. Their first donation was \$450, for the purchase of ground for a road directly west from the town. Then they gave something near \$500 for the first church. During the war they paid out about \$1,200 to save the township from excessive draft, and almost the last act of their lives was a generous donation of \$1,700 for the building of the present Methodist Church; and many were their minor gifts to almost every enterprise started in the then struggling village. The chief source of their accumulations was from sheep husbandry. For more than thirty years they followed their quiet flocks, and from them they reaped the reward that usually follows constant, well-directed effort in a single direction. William H. Keys was married,

May 5, 1842, to Eliza Ann Baker, daughter of William and Margaret Baker, of Millbrook. The late Dr. T. H. Baker, of Wooster, was a brother of Mrs. William Keys. Mrs. Keys was born in Hunterdon County, N. J., October 5, 1825. She is still living, a resident of Shreve.

James Keys, grandfather of James Baker Keys, was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, June 7, 1797, and was brought to this country when a child, his people settling in Washington County, Penn. He was married September 30, 1819, at Beallsville, Penn., to Mary Beall, niece of the late Gen. Zephaniah Beall, of Wooster, and soon after their marriage they immigrated to Stark County, Ohio, but soon after exchanged their Stark County land for a half section of land in Clinton Township, Wayne County, whither they moved about 1825. James Keys died August 10, 1869, on the homestead farm. His wife survived him seven years, dying in the same house, August 25, 1876. In all the pioneer operations of the township James Keys was an active participant. At the log rollings and cabin raisings of those primitive days his pleasant face and cheerful voice added their full influence to these rough but interesting entertainments. His last years were pleasantly spent on the farm made valuable and comfortable by the labor of his own hands. He lived and



died an honorable citizen, and will long be remembered as a warm-hearted, benevolent and generous man.

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**C**HARLES W. McCLURE, of Wooster, is a son of Jonathan McClure, one of the pioneers of Wayne County (of whom mention is made in sketch of Wilbur D. McClure), and was born in Wooster Township, December 27, 1841. His early education was received in the schools of that township, and in the winters from 1856 to 1861 he taught school there. He afterward attended school in Wooster, intending to finish his education in the Ohio Wesleyan College, of Delaware, but the outbreak of the Rebellion changed his plans. On April 16, 1861, he responded to the first call for volunteers, and enlisted in Company E, Fourth Ohio Infantry, and was speedily at the front. The first call being only for three-months men, he re-enlisted in June of that year for three years, and served the full time. He participated in many of the great battles of the war—was at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, and in many minor engagements. He was fortunate enough to escape wounds, and never had any serious illness while in the service, being

always able for duty. He was honorably discharged in June, 1864, and returned to Wayne County.

Before going to the war he had learned the stove and tinware business, and worked at that with his father until the latter's death, in 1868. He then continued for himself until 1872, when he engaged as a commercial traveler for a Cleveland and Cincinnati firm, with whom he remained until 1879. He then returned to Wooster, and until 1887 carried on business for himself on South Market Street. In the latter year he formed a partnership with A. G. Coover, the firm dealing in stoves, tinware and house furnishing goods, and doing the largest business in that line of any house in the county. In 1864, soon after his return from the army, he was united in marriage with Rebecca, daughter of A. and Rebecca Saybolt, natives of Pennsylvania, who still reside in Wooster. This union was blessed by the birth of six children. The second child, Charles D., died in childhood, in 1868. The others are all yet under the parental roof, and are Emma T., George M., John S., Florence E. and Glenn E.

Politically Mr. McClure is a Republican, and socially is a member of the Knights of Honor and the Grand Army of the Republic. He has made his own success in life, and is a man of whom all speak in terms of respect as a worthy





citizen and a merchant of strict integrity. All of the family hold a high place in the community, and are much esteemed.

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**G**EORGE EMERY, son of Jacob and Christina (Lesh) Emery, was born in what is now Ashland County, Ohio, in 1840. His grandfather, Jacob Emery, was a resident of that county, and there reared a family of five children, four daughters and one son. The parents of George Emery were also residents of Ashland County, where they were engaged in farming. Their family consisted of Franklin M. (who married Lydia Ortz, now residents of Nebraska), Mary (deceased), John (deceased), George, Zachariah (who married Margaret Wickle, now residents of Ashland County, Ohio), and Violet (now Mrs. A. J. Houser, of Wayne County, Ohio).

Of these, George Emery was reared and educated in Wayne County, and in September, 1861, in response to his country's call for men, he enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs he received a wound, which disabled him, and for this reason he was discharged, and now receives a pension; he however re-enlisted in the 100-days service. Returning home, Mr. Emery married in 1865 Mary A.,

daughter of John Ginn, and located on a farm in Clinton Township, Wayne County, Ohio, their present residence. To them two children were born, Elizabeth Ellen (deceased) and Isa B. The family are members of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Emery is identified with the Republican party. He is a practical farmer, and has very desirable property.

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**J**OHN SHILLING was born in Cumberland County, Penn., February 14, 1814. His father, Adam Shilling, also a native of that county, married Mary Roone, and in 1817 moved to Stark County, Ohio, where they purchased land near Massillon, and engaged in farming, being among the representative citizens of that county. They were prominent members of the United Brethren Church. The mother died there in 1858. The father afterward moved to Indiana, where he died in 1881, at the patriarchal age of nearly ninety years. Their family consisted of eight children, six of whom are living, viz.: John; Polly, now Mrs. George Houke, of Indiana; Barbara Ann, wife of William Kitzezmeller, of Stark County, Ohio; Solomon, in Indiana; Daniel, in Stark County; Eliza, wife of Daniel Gratz, of Bryan, Ohio.

John Shilling, the subject of this





memoir, was reared in Stark County, Ohio, and obtained but little education, as he had to walk three miles to school, and was in constant danger from wolves and Indians. He remained on the homestead until twenty-two years of age. On October 30, 1834, he became united in marriage with Miss Sarah, daughter of John Noftzger, of Congress Township, Wayne County, and she bore him three children, viz.: Mary, wife of Ezra Smith, of Canaan Township (they have two children, Lorinda, now Mrs. George Hurd, who has one child, Ezra, and Franklin Smith, in Canaan Township); Adam, in Canaan Township, married to Maria, daughter of Jesse Ritchie, of Medina County (they have one son, Jesse); Melvina, wife of John Cook, of Canaan Township (they have two children, William and Annie). The mother of these children died in 1840, and in 1841 the father married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of George Frank, of Stark County, Ohio. She died March 9, 1878, having borne him three children, viz.: Emma, deceased wife of William Brinkerhoff; Frank, a farmer in Congress Township, Wayne County, married to Mary Keiser (they have two children, William and Nellie); Ada, married to Daniel Stratton, of Medina County (they have two children, Blanche and Ira). Mr. Shilling is a prominent member of the Burbank United

Brethren Church. He has always voted the Republican ticket, and has filled various township offices. He moved onto his present farm, in Canaan Township, in the year 1835, and by hard work and perseverance has been successful, being now one of the leading farmers of the township.

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**C**HARLES E. VAN METER, through his grandparents on both sides, is descended from the earliest pioneer settlers of Wayne County. His paternal grandparents, Abraham and Sarah (Miller) Van Meter, came, in 1815, from Stark County, Ohio, to this county, bringing their children with them. Benjamin Miller, father of Mrs. Sarah Van Meter, was one of the very first settlers of Wayne County, and her sister, Mrs. Matilda Briarton, was the first white child born in the county. Grandmother Van Meter died in 1862, aged seventy-six, and grandfather Van Meter in 1870, aged eighty-seven.

John Van Meter, father of our subject, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1812, and was three years old when his parents brought him to this county. He learned in his youth the trade of a carpenter, and after he had grown to manhood was married to Elizabeth Van Blank McGuire, a native of Pennsylvania. She was left an



orphan when two years of age, and was reared by an uncle, Mr. Isaac Johnson, father of Judge Isaac Johnson. Five boys were born to this union, all now living, viz.: W. C., in Wayne County; John W., in Colorado City, Colo.; C. E.; George A., in Butte City, Mont., and Walter, in Wooster. The parents are yet living, in Wooster, and have many friends. They are regarded as good, upright people, and highly respected.

The subject of this sketch entered the profession of dentistry, but followed it for a few months only, and then opened a grocery store in Wooster, which he carried on for some years. Later, for some five years, he was clerk in a shoe store, and in 1885 he opened a shoe store for his own account, which he is at present carrying on. September 29, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Nettie, daughter of James and Ellen (Higgins) Hutchison, and a native of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and educated at Mount Carmel, N. Y. Her mother died when she was nine months old, and her father was again married; when Mrs. Van Meter was ten years of age both her father and step-mother died. Her father was born in Fredericksburgh, this county, in 1822, and was of Scotch descent, his ancestors settling in this county at an early day. Her grandmother, Mary Higgins, is living in Athens, Ohio, and is ninety years

of age. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Van Meter have been blessed by the birth of three children: Joseph Leroy, Jennie Viola and Susie Florence. The parents are members of the Order of the Iron Hall, and members of St. James Episcopal Church. Mr. Van Meter is well known in Wooster and vicinity as a progressive and enterprising business man, of strict integrity, who has gained the confidence of people by his straightforward conduct, and is liberally patronized. He has made his own way, and, although still a young man, his success has been gratifying.

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SILAS W. OGDEN was born in Delaware County, Ohio, August 26, 1848, and when he was but five years of age came with his parents to Wayne County. His father, Donald W. Ogden, was also a native of Delaware County, and was a farmer and cabinet-maker; he was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of John W. C. Nimmons. In 1853 Mr. S. W. Ogden's parents settled in Wayne County, one mile south of Wooster, where the father died in 1861, at the age of forty-eight years. He was a staunch Republican, and held the office of assessor; both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of three children, as follows:





Lowell, who died when a child; James A., in Wooster, and Silas W. Since her husband's death Mrs. Ogden has made her home with her children, and is now living with her son, the subject of this sketch.

Silas W. Ogden remained at home until September 21, 1870, when he was united in marriage with Miss Frances M., daughter of John and Catharine (Espy) Weaver, and a native of De Kalb County, Ind. Mrs. Weaver was the mother of two children: William C., in Wooster, and Frances Marian. Mrs. Weaver was a highly esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wooster for twenty-five or thirty years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ogden resided in Wooster until 1884, when they removed to their present home in Wooster Township. Mr. Ogden was a tinner until he removed to his farm, and in 1882 was appointed a railway postal clerk, serving four months, when he resigned on account of ill health. He has always been a stanch Republican, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum; was also a member of the Knights of Honor. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wooster, in which they are highly esteemed for their earnestness and active participation in church work. They are widely known in Wayne County, and universally beloved and respected.

Jacob B. Espy, grandfather of Mrs.

Ogden, was born in Bucks County, Penn., in 1790, and died in 1881, in his ninety-first year. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving in the Ohio regiment commanded by Col. Bay. Mrs. Ogden's paternal grandfather, David Weaver, was a native of Pennsylvania, and died in Rowsburg, Ohio. Reuben I. Tarr, a great-uncle of Mrs. Ogden, was an early settler in Wayne County, and carried on the pottery business, later purchasing the farm now owned by Mr. Ogden. He was born in 1801, and died in 1882. He came to Wayne County in 1818, and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Catharine Espy. Reynolds Espy, a brother of Mrs. Catharine Weaver, was born at Mt. Eaton, and died January 8, 1884, on the old homestead.

PETER S. GREENAMYER, M. D., mayor of Smithville, Ohio, is a native of Columbiana, in the county of the same name, in this State, and was born May 2, 1836. On his father's side his ancestors were of German extraction, his great-grandmother, who was a Miss Wyse, having come from that country. She was sent to America for the benefit of her health, and on the voyage hither became acquainted with a fellow traveler named Geiger, whom she married after her arrival at New Amsterdam, as New





*P. S. Greinamer, M. D.*



York was then called. She was connected with one of the royal families of Germany, and had two brothers, both of whom were unmarried, and were enormously wealthy. One of these brothers willed his entire estate, valued then at seventy-two millions of dollars, to the descendants of his sister of the third generation, of whom Dr. Greenamyer's father was one.

The notice of distribution was published at the proper time in Germany, about 1880, but unfortunately did not become known in this country until after the lapse of a considerable time. When it did become known, efforts were at once made to complete the chain of evidence establishing relationship, and when this was accomplished an agent was sent to Europe to present the claims of the American heirs. The distribution had already taken place, however, by order of the German Government, which refused to change it, and thus the American heirs got no part of their just claims. Mrs. Geiger died in this country, and was buried in New Amsterdam. After a lapse of about 150 years, in the efforts to complete the evidence as to her identity, her grave was opened, and parts of the royal robes in which she was buried were found intact. She left a family of three daughters and two sons. One of the daughters married Solomon Greenamyer, and thus became

the grandmother of our subject. Her husband was a resident of Columbiana County, this State, where many of their descendants yet live, and where he held the office of justice of the peace for over fifty years. He died of diphtheria, about twenty years ago, in his eighty-sixth year. His wife had died about twenty-five years prior to that time. They had six sons and six daughters, of whom three sons and four daughters are yet living, viz.: David, a retired farmer, living in Michigan; Enos, a practicing physician of Palestine, Penn.; Jehu, a farmer of Michigan; Sarah, wife of Daniel Stauffer, a merchant of Columbiana, Ohio; Eliza, who married a Mr. Heck, a farmer of Columbiana County; Charlotte, wife of Israel Long, a wealthy farmer in Pennsylvania, across the line from Columbiana County, and Mary, wife of Rev. Samuel Sechrist, of Akron, Ohio.

William, the father of our subject, who was the eldest of the family, was born at the old homestead in Columbiana County, August 29, 1808, and died in Smithville, Wayne County, July 31, 1866. In his early life he taught school, but afterward read medicine, and began practice in his native county, removing to Wooster, Ohio, in 1846, and the following year settling in Smithville, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession until his death. He rapidly made friends in his chosen home, and became known as





a successful and highly esteemed physician. As a Christian man and good citizen he was greatly respected, and his death was mourned by a large circle of friends, to whom his many good qualities had greatly endeared him. He was for many years a member of the German Reformed Church, of which he had long been a deacon, and was a consistent Christian, who fully believed in Him who "doeth all things well," and met death as only such a one can. He was married, in 1832, to Miss Maria Strickler, who was born in Page County, Va., in 1809. She went with her parents, while young, to Columbiana County, Ohio, and there met her future husband. Her father was of Scotch descent, and her mother of German. She also died in Smithville, on December 15, 1873, aged over sixty-four years. She was a faithful wife and a devoted mother, and an exemplary Christian—a worthy helpmeet to her husband. They were the parents of two sons and one daughter. The younger son, Solomon, is a veterinary surgeon at Ashland, Ohio; the daughter, Isabella, is the wife of John E. Zimmerman, of Smithville, and the eldest is Peter S.

The subject of this sketch was eleven years of age when his parents removed to Smithville, where he received his common-school education. This was supplemented by a partial course at Oberlin

College. Leaving there, he read medicine under his father, and later attended the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, where he graduated in March, 1858. He then engaged in practice in partnership with his father, continuing until the latter's death. A year later his uncle, Enos, became his partner, this relation continuing for four years, during which time Dr. Greenamyer attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in March, 1872. He has since been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession at Smithville, building up a large and lucrative business, and is universally recognized as a conscientious and skillful physician and surgeon, having studied the latter branch of his profession under the celebrated Prof. Pancoast, of Philadelphia. On September 30, 1863, Dr. Greenamyer was married to Miss Eugenia Gertrude Christy, who was born May 16, 1844, in Jackson, Wayne County. Her parents were James and Roxana Christy, both of whom are now deceased. They were farmers in this county for many years, Mr. Christy being a noted stock raiser and dealer. He was a native of Wayne County, of Irish extraction, and his wife was born in the State of New York. Dr. and Mrs. Greenamyer have one child, Homer B., now seventeen years of age, who graduated in the class of '88 from the Northern Ohio Normal School,



and intends studying pharmacy, but is now teacher of stenography at his Alma Mater.

Dr. Greenamyer has always taken a warm interest in the affairs of his town. In April, 1888, he was elected mayor of Smithville, receiving all but three of the votes cast, a good illustration of the esteem of his fellow-citizens. He is a member of the Wayne County Medical Society, of the Northeastern Ohio Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society, and also of the American Medical Society. He belongs to the Odd Fellows order and to the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he is a Republican. As a physician, a citizen and neighbor, the Doctor is in the front rank of the citizens of Wayne County.

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**W**ILLIAM EMMETT GEORGE, of the firm of George & Co., cabinet-makers and undertakers, and manufacturers of furniture, having the largest and most complete establishment of the kind in Wayne County, Ohio, of which he is a native, was born January 8, 1855. His father, John George, was a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, and by occupation a carpenter. He was married, in Wooster, to Eliza Smith, whose father was one of the first settlers in that

place, both of her parents dying in Wayne County. To Mr. and Mrs. John George five children were born, as follows: Two deceased in infancy; Anna Viola, wife of Calvin Van Nimmons, of Shreve, Wayne County; William Emmett, and John Franklin, a resident of Wooster. The mother was called to her rest in June, 1888, at the age of sixty-four years, and since then the father has resided in Wooster, and is now sixty-five years of age.

The subject of this sketch has passed his entire life in Wooster, where he received a good schooling. While still a boy he turned his attention to cabinet-making, and in 1880 formed a partnership with William Y. Landis, which continued until 1888. During this time the business was greatly enlarged, so as to include furniture and undertaking, and now furniture manufacturing, and is at present the largest in the county. For some years after learning his trade Mr. George worked in various places, and was employed in an organ manufactory, in car-building shops, etc. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Lasier, a native of Pennsylvania, whose parents early migrated to Ohio, where the father died. The mother is now living at Western Star, near Akron, Ohio. To this union one child, John Irvin, has been born.

Mr. George started in business without a dollar, and his gratifying success is





wholly due to his close application and business ability. He has advanced himself to an honorable place among the leading business men of Wooster, and is regarded as one of the best of its citizens, honored and respected by all. He is progressive and enterprising, and in favor of all good projects for the advancement of the county. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church at Wooster.

**W** S. BATTLES, M. D., for fifty-nine years a resident of Clinton Township, Wayne County, was born at White Hall Station, near Philadelphia, Penn., May 12, 1827. His mother was of pure English extraction, descending from two old well-known Quaker families, Snowden and West. His father, Thomas S. Battles, for twenty-nine years a resident of the county, and still living at the age of eighty-seven years, was born in Philadelphia, January 28, 1803. On the paternal side he was descended from an old Pittsfield (Mass.) family; his mother was a native of Scotland. His residence is now, and has been since 1861, on a farm in Montgomery County, Ill., where his two other sons, Johnston and Thomas, with two daughters, children of his second wife, also

live. Dr. W. S. Battles remained with his father on a Clinton Township farm until he was nineteen years old, having had no other educational advantages save what the common schools of his neighborhood furnished. During the summer of 1846 he spent seventeen weeks at the Hayesville school, in Ashland County. On August 7, 1847, he entered the office of Dr. T. H. Baker, of Millbrook, as a student of medicine, and throughout almost the entire time of his medical studentship with his preceptor he taught school. October 15, 1850, he matriculated at Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, at which school he graduated February 22, 1852. Returning to the village of Millbrook, he engaged in the practice of medicine with his preceptor until the winter of 1853-54, which he spent at the colleges and hospitals of Philadelphia, New York and Cleveland. Dissolving partnership with Dr. Baker, he went to Apple Creek, East Union Township, April 19, 1855, but remained there only eight months, when he removed to Shreve, where he has pursued the practice of medicine and surgery ever since, excepting from November, 1865, to March, 1868, when he was engaged in banking at Ashland, Ashland Co., Ohio. November 20, 1855, he was married to Mahala Keister, daughter of J. A. Keister, Esq., of Millbrook. He has two living chil-



dren, Mrs. Kate Brown and Emma Battles. Although the Doctor is interested in horticulture and agriculture, as the owner and manager of a good garden and farm, he has given almost his entire life to the cultivation of his profession. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Ohio State Medical Society, Union Medical Association of Northeastern Ohio, North Central Ohio Medical Society, and Wayne County Medical Society, of which he is now president.

The Doctor has to some extent been a contributor to medical journalistic literature, and though never having published in book form his poems, has throughout his whole medical career been an occasional writer of verse, of which the following, written in 1869, upon the death of his preceptor's wife, Mrs. T. H. Baker, a beautiful woman, stricken down in the prime of her womanhood, is a specimen:

Gush flows our grief like floods; at the noontide,  
Where joy had been bidden to dine on the morrow,  
Instead of its fullness from love's sweetest wine cup,  
We drink to its dregs from the chalice of sorrow.

Life in its morning, like light from the eastward,  
Where rays of rich crimson abolish the night,  
Bursts forth in its buddings of hope, in a promise  
That age in its fullness will yield us delight.

But alas! for these eddying gusts of our fancy;  
'Tis folly to build in the dark, on a wave—  
These castles of beauty, to enrapture the vision—  
Then vanish in vapor o'er an opening grave.

Amanda, thy life was but a reflection  
Of all that a mortal can sip from this bowl;  
But, ah! it was more—a rich, full expression  
Of treasure immortal, the worth of the soul.

If, at his pleasure, God clothes in rare beauty  
Its casket of jewels just for a day;  
At the invoice of Heaven, what estimate, value,  
Will appear on the schedule, and what its array?

Were we but mortal, why give us such breathings,  
And fill with emotion the soul, if He would  
Cut the thin thread of our spiritual being  
And drop us, forgotten, to oblivious flood?

Ah no! o'er thy tomb a golden-winged cherub,  
The Angel of Promise, bids Hope spread her wings;  
A glorified Spirit mingles voice with our chorus,  
In numbers immortal forever she sings.

JOSEPH EICHAR, one of Wayne County's pioneers, residing on Section 5, Wooster Township, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., March 13, 1813. His father, Joseph Eichar, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, and was a miller and merchant, also engaged in farming. Upon arriving at manhood, on the 20th of November, 1800, he was married to Miss Anna Suman, and eight children were born to their union, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor. In 1814 the senior Mr. Eichar came to Wayne County and bought a farm. Soon after his arrival he started a salt well,





boring 450 feet, and for a time refined salt, but the expense of carrying on the work being too great, owing to the scarcity of water, it was abandoned. The salt well was suggested by the presence of a deer-lick on the spot. After a time the family removed to Lower Sandusky, where the father died October 17, 1821, at the age of forty-four. The family then returned to Wayne County, where the mother died in 1862, at the age of seventy-eight. Mrs. Eichar was a devout Presbyterian. The grandfather of our subject, Jacob Eichar, was in 1812 made prisoner by the Indians, and kept for some time, finally making his escape by running the gauntlet.

Joseph Eichar, the subject proper of this sketch, spent his early years upon the farm, and in 1841 was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Thompson, a native of Wooster, whose father, David Thompson, came to this county at an early date. For some thirteen years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Eichar made their home on the old Eichar homestead; then removed to Millbrook, where they remained for one year, and where Mrs. Eichar died, leaving six children to mourn her loss. Mr. Eichar returned to Wooster, and for four years resided with his mother and sisters. He then purchased his present farm, which was mostly unimproved, except for the house, which had

been used as a hotel for the accommodation of the many travelers who were then crossing the country in wagons. In 1858 he was married to Sarah Kobb, who died in September, 1877, in the faith of the Disciples Church, leaving two daughters.

Mr. Eichar has for over thirty years made his home where he now resides. Several attempts were made, in 1873 and 1882, to find gas on his farm. Mr. Eichar is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Wooster, and is one of Wayne County's self-made men, beginning poor, and winning success by his own industry, prudence and foresight, at the same time acquiring and retaining the confidence of all with whom he came in contact. One of his distinguishing characteristics is his zeal for the education of the youth, believing that upon the training of the young depends the future of our country, and he has given material support to numerous institutions of learning. His enterprise in seeking the development of Wayne County's resources and the promotion of her industries is well known. It is to such men as he that the growth and progress of Wayne County may be traced. They bore the brunt of the battle in subduing the wilderness, and making it a fit habitation for a great, free people. A nation's gratitude is due these brave pioneers, and they have a rich reward in seeing ours a united nation, the freest on earth.





**H**ENRY JENNINGS, son of Jacob and Nancy F. (Crozier) Jennings, was born on the farm he now owns in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, November 9, 1830. His grandfather, Henry Jennings, came from Long Island with an only brother to Fayette County, Penn., where they settled, and he reared a family of eight children: David, Jacob, Henry, Jonathan, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth and Rhoda, of whom only two are now living, Henry, in Dallas County, Iowa, and Jonathan, in Waverly, Ohio.

Of these, Jacob, one of the pioneers of Wayne County, was born in Fayette County, Penn., in 1796, married in 1827, and removed to Salt Creek Township, Wayne County, to the farm now owned by Henry Jennings, which was taken up in 1822, and five acres cleared. Jacob married Nancy F. Crozier, by whom he had three children: John Crozier, who died when a boy; June, now Mrs. A. J. Knox, of Fredericksburgh, and Henry, the subject of this sketch, who received his education in the common schools of the county, and eventually married Margaret J., daughter of Thomas Patrick, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County. She was born in Fredericksburgh, and her father later purchased the farm adjoining the Jennings homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have had twelve children, as follows: Elizabeth, now Mrs. R. C. Cook,

residing in Apple Creek, Wayne County; Jacob Barclay, who married Laura Cook, and now lives at Salt Creek, Wayne County; Matilda, who died in infancy; Mary Jane, James Martin, Sarah Ann and Martha (twins), William Henry, Margaret Emma, Laura, John Clark and Arvida Eunice. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are members of the Presbyterian Church; he is a Prohibitionist, and the family are among the able and respected people of the community in which they live.

**I** SAAC K. JAMESON is a son of Joshua and Rebecca (Mackey) Jameson, natives of Delaware and Pennsylvania, respectively. In 1818 they removed from Fayette County, Penn., to Wayne County, Ohio, and entered one-half section of land in the southwest corner of Sugar Creek Township (Section 36). Here the father died in March, 1826, in the fifty-sixth year of his age; the mother survived until October, 1860, dying in the eighty-fourth year of her age. They had a family of eleven children, as follows: Sarah, Mary, Stephen M., John, Alexander H., Joshua M., Rebecca S., Elizabeth, Joseph, Isaac K., and an infant that died in infancy. Of these, Sarah, wife of William James, of Fayette County, Penn., died in the seventy-sixth year of her age, leav-



ing four children: Ann, wife of A. Van Devert, of Hamilton County, Ohio; Sarah, now Mrs. Jeffries; George W., of Lima, Ohio, and Elizabeth C., now Mrs. Gribble, of New Philadelphia, Ohio. Mary, widow of James Hackett, died in March, 1882, in her eighty-fourth year, leaving one son, Isaiah H., who lives on the homestead, in East Union Township, Wayne County. Stephen M., a physician of Dalton, married Nancy S. Derret, of Wayne County, and died in 1841, in his forty-first year, leaving three children: Rebecca Jane, wife of Thomas Orr, of East Union Township; Rodney C., of Baughman Township, and Stephen R., of Ashtabula County, Ohio. John died in 1882, at Apple Creek, Ohio, in the seventy-ninth year of his age; he was married to Eliza McCurdy, and located in Sugar Creek Township; they had eleven children: the oldest died in infancy; Joshua M., in Lima, Ohio; Martha E., married to Ervin Anderson (both are deceased); James H., in Ionia County, Mich.; Alexander H., a merchant in Apple Creek, Ohio; Nancy J., married to A. Hoverstock (both are deceased); Stephen S., on a part of the old homestead, Section 36, Sugar Creek Township; Amanda R., deceased wife of John R. Dobbins; Isaac N., in Apple Creek, Ohio; Robert R., in Kenton, Ohio, and Caroline, wife of Silas Moore, in Colorado. Alexander H. mar-

ried Elizabeth Miller (now deceased), of Stark County, Ohio, and died in Will County, Ill., in his seventy-sixth year; he was for many years engaged in mercantile business in Apple Creek with his brother, Isaac K.; he left two daughters, Mary Ann, widow of Rev. Thomas McCartney, of Nebraska, and Martha Jane, both living at Aurora, Ill. Joshua M. spent his life on the old homestead, Section 36, Sugar Creek Township; he was twice married, and by his first wife, *nee* Rachel Shipley, he had two sons, George, a lawyer of Lima, Ohio, and Albion, in Harper County, Kas.; his second wife was Mary A. Morrow, by whom he had no children; he died in 1874, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. Rebecca S. died in Fayette County, Penn., in her eighth year, before the family moved to Ohio. Elizabeth, widow of George Hackett, resides on the Hackett homestead, in East Union Township; she has four children living: Eleanor H., wife of Levi Orr; Mary J., at home; Eliza H., wife of Daniel Eshelman, and George W., on the homestead. Joseph died in 1884, in the seventy-first year of his age; he was twice married, his first wife being Esther E. McClure, of Holmes County, who bore him four children: Emily H., wife of Joseph Goudy, of Fillmore County, Minn.; Rebecca S. (deceased); Sarah, wife of William Orr, of Moorland, and Margaret, wife of





B. F. Dile, of Salt Creek Township; his second wife was Maria McDowell, and to them were born three children: Rachel A., wife of William Richardson, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio; Jessie M., wife of John Stauffer, of Paint Township, and Louis M., who died in Topeka, Kas.

Isaac K. Jameson was born in Fayette County, Penn., December 3, 1817, and when four months old his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio. He remained on the homestead until eighteen years old, and then for nine years engaged in teaching school. In 1845 he purchased an interest in a mercantile business in Apple Creek, with his brother, Alexander H., which partnership continued twenty-two years. In 1867 Alexander H. sold his interest to his brother, John, who, with John's son, Alexander H., Jr., and Isaac K., continued the business until 1879, when the last named sold his interest to them. In 1869 Isaac K. bought the farm which he now owns, in East Union Township, Wayne County, which contains 174 acres of good land, to which he moved in 1880. Here he made his home nine years, and in April, 1889, returned to Apple Creek. In 1860 he married Miss Susan, daughter of Samuel Smith, of Smith's Ferry, Beaver Co., Penn., and to them were born three children: John Smith, on the home farm; Howard B., a hardware merchant of Dal-

ton, and Story L., at home. Mr. Jameson has served as justice of the peace, and has filled other township and county offices. He and his family attend the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican, with prohibition proclivities.

JOHN WEBB, farmer, and proprietor of the Elk Horn Sugar Works, Chester Township, is a native of Greene Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, born September 26, 1837, the second son of Benton and Sarah (Peigh) Webb. Benton Webb was born in Columbia County, Penn., January 15, 1815, and was the son of Moses Webb, who was a son of Samuel Webb, and a native of the same county. Moses Webb was a soldier in the War of 1812.

In 1824 Benton Webb came with his father to Wayne County, and later settled in Cedar Valley, where they operated a grist-mill a year or two, and then went to Medina County, but a year later Benton returned to Wayne County, and, with his father-in-law, John Peigh, bought a tract of land on Killbuck Creek, intending to build a water mill. Here he died June 4, 1842, aged twenty-seven years, four months and twenty-two days. His wife was a robust woman, and after his death she remained on the land, where she



reared her family, but, being in meager circumstances, was obliged to work by the day for her neighbors to support herself and children. As they grew older they left home, until only John remained with the mother. She finally married George Ringler, and then John determined to gratify his desire to see more of the world, and in 1864 took a trip to the Western States, stopping for a few months at Des Moines, Iowa. There he entered the employ of the Mabees Menagerie Company, and traveled with them through the Western States. At Chicago they disbanded for the winter, and before starting again in the spring the establishment was bought by Adam Forepaugh and John O'Brien. Mr. Webb traveled with them through the Southern and Eastern States, and while riding in the ring was thrown from his horse and severely injured. While in winter quarters at Philadelphia, he had charge of two small lions, which he thought were very docile, but one day one of them turned upon him and crushed his arm considerably, although he finally conquered him. He returned home soon after, and remained until the winter of 1866, when he went to Texas, remained a year, and then returned home, and has since lived on the homestead. He has visited seventeen States, and has in a measure satisfied his longing for travel.

He lived with his mother, caring for her until her death, which occurred October 27, 1887, when she was aged seventy-one years, five months and twenty-one days. He was then appointed administrator of the estate, and was obliged to buy the farm, as his factory was located on it, and his elder brother wished it sold.

For many years Mr. Webb has been engaged in the manufacture of sorghum molasses, and of late has turned his attention to the making of sugar. His factory is 25x50 feet in dimensions, and his machinery is propelled by a twenty-horse power engine. This being the only factory of the kind in the township, he has a monopoly of the trade, and indeed has a large custom from adjoining counties, as his is the best factory in this part of Ohio. In the fall of 1888 he manufactured 1,000 pounds of sugar, and he expects to make this the leading product of his factory. Mr. Webb has spent years in experimenting, and has about perfected the art, and the sugar now turned out of his factory will compare favorably with any other in the market.

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**D**EWITT CLINTON McCLARRAN.  
Among the leading farmers in Wayne County, Ohio, the subject of this sketch occupies a most prominent po-





sition. He was born in the city of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 19, 1819. His father, Robert McClarran, was a native of Lancaster County, Penn., but when a young man moved to Westmoreland County, that State. In 1811 he immigrated to Wayne County. He was by trade a carpenter, and for a few years followed that occupation in Wooster. In 1812 he married Grace Cook, of Columbiana County, Ohio, who became the mother of five children: Eliza C., John Cook, Dewitt Clinton, Roswell and David L. Robert McClarran was a soldier in the War of 1812, and at its close purchased a large tract of land near Wooster, where for a number of years he was engaged in saw-milling and farming, and afterward carried on banking in Wooster. He was a justice of the peace for many years, being the first in Wayne County, and married the first couple in Wayne County. He was elected to the Legislature December 1, 1823, and served until December 6, 1824. He held many positions of trust in the county, was a man of marked ability, and stood high in the estimation of those who knew him. He died March 7, 1831.

Dewitt Clinton McClarran has resided in Wayne County all his life. He has been an extensive farmer, and owns some 600 acres of valuable land in the county. In 1851 he married Janet Jordan, daughter of John Jordan, of Holmes County,

Ohio. Five children have blessed this happy union: John Cook, now an attorney at law of Wooster, and a graduate of the University of Wooster, Ohio; David Quinby, Julius, Robert Clinton, all farmers, and Grace Janet, at home. Robert Clinton is also a graduate of Wooster University. The mother of these children died in January, 1882, aged sixty years. For the past seven years Mr. McClarran has resided on his present farm. He has always taken an active part in the welfare of his township, county and State, and in politics stands independent of party lines.

**D**B. GOOD was born near Berlin, Somerset Co., Penn., November 10, 1841, son of John and Eliza Good. His father was a native of the same county and State, and died August 2, 1844, aged thirty-three years. The mother of our subject, after the death of Mr. Good, married, in the winter of 1850, David Garver, and they came to Congress Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in the following spring, bringing young D. B. with them. She is now living, in good health, in Congress village, in her seventy-third year.

The subject of this biographical memoir received a fair common-school education, and was reared to farm life. February 27, 1868, he was united in marriage with





Margaret Worst, who was born April 1, 1843, in Ashland County, Ohio. Her father, Samuel Worst, was also a native of Ashland County, and his father, Henry, a Pennsylvanian by birth, came from his native State to Ashland County in a very early day. To Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Good have been born two children, as follows: Alda, born March 10, 1869, and Clayton, born June 23, 1876. The parents are members of the Brethren Church; in politics Mr. Good is a Republican. He is one of the enterprising, energetic and substantial citizens of Congress Township, Wayne County, and is the owner of over 200 acres of improved land. He and his estimable wife are identified with the social and educational interests of their locality, and are both highly respected.

**R**OBERT EMMET LUCAS is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born in Chippewa Township November 11, 1858, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Crawford) Lucas. His father was born in Pennsylvania November 21, 1797, and about 1830 moved to Ohio, settling at Stenbenville, and for a number of years he was captain of a steamboat on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. He was married at Stenbenville, May 12, 1840, to Margaret Crawford, who was born in

Pennsylvania February 11, 1817, and in 1836 removed with her parents to Steubenville. In April, 1841, they removed to Wayne County, and settled in Chippewa Township, where the father died in April, 1868. The mother is living in Doylestown.

R. E. Lucas was reared and educated in his native township. His father dying before he was ten years old, he was early obliged to rely on his own resources. He obtained a good business education, and for several years was employed as clerk in the stores of Doylestown. In September, 1880, he entered the employ of Seiberling, Miller & Co. as book-keeper, and has since held that position. Mr. Lucas was married October 20, 1886, at Johnson's Corners, Ohio, to C. Gertrude Dickson, daughter of Dr. M. M. and M. H. Dickson, and they have one child, M. Delight. In politics Mr. Lucas is a supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

**G**EORGE R. LAUBACH, of the firm of Laubach & Boyd, of Wooster, was born in Northampton County, Penn., January 4, 1853. His father, Rudolph H., also a native of that county, was a miller by trade. The grandfather, likewise named Rudolph, was also born in Pennsylvania. The family are of German extraction, and were settled in this



country as early as 1765. The father of George R. was married in Pennsylvania to Catherine, daughter of George and Mary Roth, and born in Northampton County. Of their union six children were born, as follows: Maria, who died in Wooster, aged seventeen years; Emma, who is Mrs. Frederick Tescher; Odelia, now Mrs. John B. Dorn, of Wooster; George R.; James W., now a resident of Wooster, and Ida May, who died in Wooster at the age of eighteen. In the spring of 1859 the parents came to Wooster, where for a time the father engaged in mercantile business, and later embarked in milling. For many years he suffered from chronic rheumatism, and in 1886 he received a stroke of paralysis, which has rendered him helpless. He is now aged sixty-seven years. The entire family, parents and children, are members of the German Reformed Church.

The subject of these lines was six years old when his parents removed to Wooster. He had good educational advantages, first attending the common schools and afterward the Wooster High School. At the age of fourteen he started to learn the drug business with A. M. Armstrong, of Wooster, with whom he had been but a year when the proprietor sold out. But young Laubach continued at the business until he had been at it for about three and a half years. For two years then he

was with McKinley & Smith, of New Castle, Penn., after which he returned to Wooster, and was employed in what was known as the Arcadome drug store. In this latter place he stayed until the store was burned out, when he became connected with E. A. Jones, successor to Harvey Howard, remaining there until January 1, 1880, when he began business for himself in his present location. The firm was at first Laubach & Bevard, which later became Laubach & Donnelly, and still later Laubach & Boyd, the present firm. In February, 1880, Mr. Laubach was married, his bride being Miss Sarah Ann Horn, daughter of John J. and Caroline H. Horn, and a native of Brooklyn, N. Y. She was but a child when she came with her parents to Wayne County, where her father died in 1877; her mother is now a resident of Wooster, and is aged fifty-two years. Of this union five children have been born: Ida May, Mattie H., Mary Hilda, Amy C. and George H.

Mr. Laubach is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows order and the Royal Arcanum, and in politics he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church. He is one of the most progressive business men of Wayne County, whose success is entirely the result of his own energy, good judgment and close application to business. He is a man of unblemished





character, and is highly esteemed and well spoken of by all who know him.

**H**ENRY BIXLER was born in Manchester, Carroll (formerly Baltimore) Co., Md., in July, 1814.

He had common-school advantages, but, determined on having a better education, he pursued his study at night by the light of the old-fashioned tallow dip. He taught school in Baltimore for several years, and then migrated to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1838, where for a time he clerked in a warehouse, later becoming a teacher, which profession he followed here for a number of years, later establishing himself in the grocery business. Selling that out, he engaged in the manufacture of rope, which he followed until 1860. On giving up that business he bought a farm in Wayne Township, on which the family lived for three years, returning to Wooster in 1874, when he practically retired from active life.

Mr. Bixler was the first to introduce the manufacture of rope into Wayne County, and it was for years a prominent industry here. He was the architect of his own fortune, having earned every dollar he ever possessed by his own industry. When he left Maryland for Wayne County he was so poor that he had to make nearly the

entire journey on foot. He was industrious and willing to turn his hand to anything by which he could honestly earn a dollar. He obtained his first start by gathering and selling chestnuts, and from that humble beginning he advanced step by step until he became well-to-do. His business integrity was such that the people with whom he dealt soon learned to know and appreciate the sterling character of the man. He was always guided by his mature judgment, not being prone to hasty action. A diligent and wise reader, he was usually well informed, and he will long be remembered as one of Wayne County's most useful citizens. November 5, 1851, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Leshner) Baker, and a native of Lancaster County, Penn. Her parents came to Wayne County, and there spent the remainder of their lives, the mother dying in 1871, at the age of seventy-two years, and the father in 1888, aged eighty-nine years. Their daughter, Elizabeth, who was quite young when they came to Wayne County, was here reared and grew to womanhood.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bixler five children were born, viz.: Frank, who died in 1853, aged two years; Henry, who died in 1879, aged twenty-four; Ida C.; Darl J., who was born October 21, 1860, in Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, and Charles E., the last three named living with their



mother. Henry Bixler died December 27, 1882, aged sixty-eight years, and after his death his widow, with her three youngest children, made their home in Wooster, but they now reside on a farm at Madisonburgh. This family is well known in the county, and they are universally esteemed by all who know them.

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**A**LVI ZUVER is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Patterson) Zuver, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively. They settled in that part of Mercer County, Penn., which is now Lawrence County, and in 1830 came to Wayne County, where they purchased the farm in Canaan Township now occupied by George Mathes, and were recognized as among the prominent farmers of their day. Jacob Zuver voted first with the Whig party, and afterward with the Republican, and both he and his wife were members of Canaan Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1874, and his widow in 1882. They reared five children, three of whom are living: Alvi, John, who lives with Alvi, and Robert, in Sidney, Shelby Co., Ohio.

Alvi Zuver, the subject of this memoir, was born in Mercer County, Penn., October 15, 1824, and was five years of age when he came to Wayne County.

He attended the township schools and Canaan Academy, also the schools of Le Roy and Norwalk. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years, and has since lived on the homestead in Canaan Township. In 1851 Mr. Zuver married Miss Jane E., daughter of Uri Smith, of Litchfield, Medina Co., Ohio, and four children have been born to them, three of whom died in infancy. Mr. Zuver has always voted with the Republican party. In 1858 he was elected justice of the peace of Canaan Township, and served fifteen consecutive years. He is a member of Canaan Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been recording steward for many years.

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**A**LBERT MILLER is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born in 1839, a son of Michael and Margaret Miller. His parents had a family of nine children, but five of whom are living—Isophena, Albert, Michael, Augustus and Elizabeth. The names of the deceased are Mary, Adaline, Isabella and Adolph. Michael was an early settler of Wayne County, his first purchase of land being 160 acres in Greene Township, which he subsequently sold and bought eighty acres in Wayne Township, on which he lived the rest of his life. He



died in 1850, aged forty-eight years, his widow in 1869, aged sixty-two years. They were natives of Germany, coming to America with their parents in their youth. He was a successful farmer, and one of the respected citizens of Wayne Township.

Albert Miller was reared in his native township, which has always been his home, and he received good educational advantages. He was early instructed in the duties of farm life, and since attaining manhood has devoted his energies to that calling. In 1867 he married Maria Lehman, daughter of John Lehman, of Wayne County, and to them have been born a family of four children: F. L., F. C., E. A. and Annie B. In politics Mr. Miller casts his suffrage with the Democratic party. He has always taken an active part in the public affairs of his township, and has served as school director and township trustee.

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**H**ENRY SHREVE, son of Thomas Shreve, was born in a stone house west of Shreve, in Clinton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. His father's place of nativity was Washington Mills, near Perryopolis, Fayette Co., Penn., where he married Mary Wigle. In 1813 he made a tour through this county in search of a desirable location,

and, being satisfied with the results of his prospective trip, he, in 1816, purchased a tract of land. In 1818 he built the first barn, made of hewn logs, in Clinton Township, and had to make a journey on horseback to Pittsburgh, in order to procure nails for use in the construction of the roof of his barn, which was 32x56 feet in size. This barn was built on the farm now owned by Cameron and others, on the line of Holmes and Wayne Counties.

Thomas Shreve was the father of nine children, five of whom are deceased, viz.: Richard, Rosanna, Margaret (who married John Graven, also deceased), Charlotte, and William, who was killed in 1831, by a runaway team; those living are Caleb, in Caldwell County, Mo.; Henry, subject of our notice; Sarah J., wife of Thomas Morgan, of Clinton Township, and Eliza, wife of Nicholas Crum, of Holmes County. Mr. Shreve died July 4, 1857, and Mrs. Shreve January 13, 1854. The postoffice of Shreve was named in his honor, and the town of Shreve derives its name from that, its name having been changed on the incorporation of the village. He was chairman of the first meeting held to consider the building of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad. He was a member of the State Legislature during 1839-40 and 1840-41, when S. P. Chase, Rufus Spalding and others, who have







*Henry Shreve*



since acquired a national reputation, were members of that honorable body, and during his life he was recognized as one of the leading men of the county and this portion of the State, and was prominent in all local enterprises.

Henry Shreve, the subject proper of this memoir, married, in 1847, Harriet, daughter of John Jones. The two families originally removed from New Jersey to Fayette County, Penn., and from there to Wayne County, being neighbors and friends in three States. Mr. and Mrs. Shreve have five children: E. D., a civil engineer in the City of Mexico, being engaged in the construction of a drainage and sewerage canal for the Mexican Government at that city; Florence M., now Mrs. A. M. Miller, of Millbrook, Ohio; E. B., now Mrs. R. T. Craig, residing near Winfield, Cowley Co., Kas.; Allen T., formerly a merchant of Shreve, and Eliza J. Mr. Shreve is a Democrat, and has been officially identified with the township for many years, having been school director for thirty years and commissioner of county from 1859 to 1865. He is regarded as authority on township and school matters, and inaugurated a system of road work that has done more for the building up of good roads in the community than any other system. Mr. Shreve is regarded by all as a just and upright man, and one that is above a price

in the discharge of any public duty. At one time he carried the keys to the county treasury a day and night, and at another time, finding the treasurer out and the office and safe open, he closed the same, thus showing that he is honest and trusted by his fellow-men. He has frequently been solicited by the leading men of the county to accept higher offices, but, being a practical farmer, he devotes his time and attention to that end.

QUINBY JONES is a native son of Wayne County, born in Wooster October 13, 1830, a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Vanemmon) Jones, former a native of Winchester, Frederick Co., Va., born April 13, 1787, and latter a native of New Jersey, born December 25, 1794. They were among the earliest settlers of Wayne County, Ohio, and from the time of their settlement until their deaths were among the most prominent citizens of Wooster. They had a family of eight children, viz.: D. K., Eleanor, Isaac N., Ohio F., Charles Carroll, Joseph R., Quinby and B. J. The father died April 24, 1861, and the mother in 1879.

Quinby Jones remained at home until twenty years of age, when he went to California, via the overland route, being





ninety days on the way. He remained there two years engaged in mining, and in 1852 returned to Wooster. He was married, December 6, 1853, to Lavinia Thomas, a native of Wooster, daughter of Lewis Thomas, one of the early settlers of the county, formerly of Maryland. After his marriage Mr. Jones bought a part of his father's homestead, on which he lived until 1867, when he moved to the farm where he now lives, which he has improved, and now has one of the pleasantest homes in the township. He has always been public spirited, and has assisted materially in advancing the interests of his native county and town. In addition to general farming he has engaged quite extensively in dealing in cattle and sheep, and the breeding of Scotch collie dogs. In politics he takes an active interest, casting his suffrage with the Democratic party. He has a family of four children: John T., Emma J., Joseph J. and Mary E. S.

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**M**RS. JANE BECHTEL, of Wooster, Ohio, is the widow of John Bechtel, and was born in Chester Township, Wayne County, in 1818. Her father, James Flack, was born in Washington County, Penn., and was by trade a millwright. His father was born abroad,

of English extraction. The father of our subject married Margaret Ramsey, who bore him eight children, six of whom reached maturity; Mrs. Bechtel and Mrs. Mary McDaniel, of Wooster, are the only ones living in Wayne County. While Mrs. Bechtel was but a child she lost a mother's care, and some time afterward her father chose as his second wife Miss Julia White, who bore him six children. The father died in 1853. About 1818 he had come to Wayne County, where he settled on a farm, and also built and operated a mill on Little Killbuck Creek. Mrs. Bechtel's girlhood was passed on the farm in Chester Township, and in 1837 she was there married to John Bechtel. They came to Wooster, where they built the house which has since been her home with the exception of the four years during which Mr. Bechtel was sheriff.

John Bechtel was a son of Martin and Margaret (Spellman) Bechtel, natives of Pennsylvania, both of whom died in Wayne County, to which they had removed when John was quite young. The latter became well known in Wayne County; was a Democrat in politics, and influential in the councils of his party. He held various township and county offices; was constable, deputy sheriff, and was later elected and re-elected to the office of sheriff, which he filled acceptably to the people and creditably to him-



self for two terms. For many years he had been a member of the I. O. O. F., and was looked upon as a man of unflinching integrity. Mr. Bechtel died in 1865, at the age of fifty-five years. Of his union with our subject there were six children born, as follows: James Martin, now a resident of Burlington, Iowa; Melissa A., now Mrs. Irving Foghson, of Duluth; David E., in Southern Ohio; Mary E., wife of J. P. Hockins, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; John T., living in Greenfield Ohio; Jennie T., now Mrs. Jerome T. Baird, of Wooster, Ohio. Mrs. Bechtel was as well known as her husband, and is held in high esteem by all who know her.

JEROME T. BAIRD was born in Wayne County, Ohio, October 16, 1858. His father, Cyrus Baird, was also a native of the county, born in Plain Township. His grandfather, who was also named Cyrus, was a native of the State of New York, born March 2, 1804, and came to this county with his father, Aaron Baird, in 1812. He was married to a Miss Blatchley, and both died in Wayne County. His son, Cyrus, father of Jerome, was reared upon the farm, and after arriving at years of manhood, married Amy Tyler, a daughter of Benjamin and Maria Tyler, both of whom were early settlers of Wayne County. Of this union four children were born, Jerome T. being the only one living in Wayne County. In the spring of 1869

the mother passed away, the father still living in Wooster. Jerome Baird's first business experience was as a clerk in a drug store in Wooster, in which he finally bought an interest. In the spring of 1884 he sold out his interest, and started alone in the business he is now conducting. In 1882 he was married to Miss Jennie, daughter of John and Jane Bechtel. No children have been born to them. Mr. Baird is a member of the K. of M., and he is regarded as a young business man of capacity, whose attention to business and character for probity are sure to command success.

JOHN EVEY was born in Washington County, Md., April 23, 1825, and is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Neiswander) Evey, both natives of the State of Maryland. The paternal grandfather of John Evey was Christian Evey, and his maternal grandfather was John Neiswander, both natives of Germany, and early settlers of Washington County, Md. The parents of our subject settled in Wayne County in 1827, locating on a farm on Section 16, Chippewa Township, which they cleared and improved, in later life removing to Doylestown, where they died. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: Christian, William,





Maria (Mrs. Daniel Snyder), John, Sophia (Mrs. Henry Hoyt), Samuel, Susan (Mrs. Riley Franks) and Elizabeth.

John Evey, the subject of this memoir, was reared in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he received a limited common-school education. He began life poor, on a rented farm; later purchased eighty acres of his father's farm, which he sold in 1861, and bought 106 acres on Section 8, same township, where he has since resided, and has made all the improvements in buildings, etc. Mr. Evey married, August 15, 1849, Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Case) Whitman. He is a thorough-going farmer, and by industry and frugality has accumulated a fine property. Politically he is a Democrat.

**R**OBERT BARNES. This well-known pioneer of Wayne County, Ohio, traces his descent to Revolutionary ancestors. His grandfather, Peter Barnes, was born in England, and there married a Miss Graham, a native of Ireland. Four days after their wedding the young couple set sail for America. The precise date is not known, but it was years before the commencement of the War of the Revolution, in which Peter Barnes took part, as a Con-

tinental soldier. He afterward settled in Maryland, and there his son, Henry, father of Robert, was born. He was a farmer by occupation, and during the Revolution sold his farm for \$10,000, taking his pay in Continental money, which became worthless in his hands.

After selling his farm Henry Barnes moved to Pennsylvania, and in that State was married to Jane Graham, and there some of his children were born. Seeking for virgin soil and cheaper lands on which to make their home, the parents removed with their family to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1811, settling in Salt Creek Township, among the very earliest pioneers of that region. They lived the usual life of pioneers, but their humble log cabin was the scene of contentment and happiness. Children grew up within its walls, and the rough labor of clearing a home in the dense forest was gladly endured for their sakes. In the early days they were sometimes molested by Indians, who had not yet been entirely reconciled to the white man taking this beautiful country, but no serious loss was sustained. As an instance of what the early pioneers had to endure, Mr. Barnes relates that his father was compelled to go forty miles on horseback, to Mohican, to get two bushels of corn, carrying his gun to defend himself from the Indians, and returning had to go nine





miles to Killbuck, to get it ground at Stubb's Mills, and had to wait two days and one night for his scanty grist. It was through such hardships and labors as these this fertile county was won to civilization for the descendants of these hardy pioneers. In the fall of 1812 they were compelled to leave, and again crossed the mountains into Pennsylvania, returning, however, the following spring, and the parents never again left the county. The mother preceded her husband to the grave about two years, the latter dying March 9, 1848. To this worthy old pioneer couple nine children were born, only two of whom now survive. Among the early settlers of the county, Henry Barnes was well known, and was respected as a man of integrity and sound judgment, whose word could always be depended upon.

Robert Barnes, the subject of this sketch, was born in Beaver County, Penn., June 2, 1807. Like all the children of the old pioneers, his education was gotten in the old log school of the day, with its greased paper windows and its puncheon floor. When old enough he swung the pioneer's ax in the primeval forest, and took his full share of all the other hard work on the new farm the family were creating. At the age of twenty-four Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Christina, daughter of Thomas Rail, born

in Pennsylvania, and brought by her parents to Wayne County when quite young. Nine children were born of this union: Dewitt is a farmer in East Union Township; Elizabeth is the widow of Andrew Glenn, and a resident of this county, as is her sister Jane, the wife of William Moucher; Lucy is married to R. B. Snyder, of Wooster; Kempton is a resident of Franklin Township, this county; John was a Union soldier during the Rebellion, and was killed in the army; Frances (Mrs. Graham) and Charles both live in Cleveland, Ohio, and William in Elyria, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Barnes bought a farm in Franklin Township, on which he lived till 1870, in which year his wife died, and he rented his farm and came to Wooster, where he makes his home with his daughter Lucy, Mrs. Snyder. For eighteen years of his residence in this county, before he bought his Franklin Township farm, Mr. Barnes kept a hotel in Fredericksburgh, in Salt Creek Township, and became well known, not only to Wayne County people, but to a large circle of friends, with whom he was popular. He had a liking for military matters, and was for five years lieutenant-colonel of a militia infantry regiment, and later was for five years in the Jackson Cavalry, State troops. He and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian Church of



Salt Creek, and were esteemed both as early settlers and good friends and neighbors. In politics Mr. Barnes has always been a staunch Democrat.

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**A**BRAM F. HUFFMAN (deceased) was one of the prominent farmers of Wayne County. He was a native of this county, born October 11, 1822, in Chippewa Township, the eldest of five children of Daniel and Abigail Huffman. His father was born in Switzerland August 15, 1798, and in 1803 came to America with his father, and located in Washington County, Penn. In 1815 they moved to Ohio, and located at Slankerville, now known as Easton, and there Daniel was married, in 1820, to Abigail, daughter of Henry Franks, who came to Wayne County from Fayette County, Penn., in 1816, and settled on a farm he entered from the Government, in Chippewa Township, south of Doylestown. He (Henry Franks) was captured by the Indians when a young man, and was kept by them five years. He was tall, straight and of a powerful build, and was fancied by the Indians, who at once introduced him to Indian citizenship by their ceremonies, which consisted first in running the gauntlet, and at the end of the race, to save his own life, he was compelled to

strike down an Indian. This daring act on his part ingratiated him with his captors, and although he was also wounded, he was taken care of and treated kindly until fully recovered. Of Daniel Huffman's family one daughter died when nine years old; another daughter, Eliza, is the wife of Jacob Baysinger, of Doylestown; Ephraim married Adaline Franks, and is living on the Franks homestead; Daniel married Catherine Wilhelm, and is now living at Doylestown.

Abram F. Huffman remained in Chippewa Township until about thirty years of age, when he bought a tract of land in Greene Township, which he improved and made his home until 1872, when he moved to the village of Smithville, where he died August 14, 1886. Mr. Huffman being the eldest of the family, was obliged to assist his father in the work of the farm, and was able to attend school only during the winter months. He made the most of his limited advantages, and acquired a good business education, becoming one of the best informed men on general subjects in the county. In his infancy he was baptized, and after reaching adult life he was converted and received into the Lutheran Church by Rev. William Baldsey, of Smithville. He remained in that church a number of years, when a Methodist Church was organized in the place, and he withdrew from the Lutheran





and joined the Methodist Church, which had been his choice from childhood. He was an honored member of this church at the time of his death, and was a highly respected citizen. In politics he was a strong Republican.

Mr. Huffman was married, December 3, 1856, to Elizabeth A. Redinger, of Milton Township, Wayne County, daughter of Frederick and Mary Redinger, who were of German and English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman had but one child, a daughter, Carrie Bell, who was married April 14, 1884, to R. S. Roller, a druggist of Wooster. Mrs. Huffman now makes her home with her daughter, although she still owns the farm in Greene Township. The first death in Greene Township after its settlement was that of Christian Partshic, who died December 27, 1817, and was buried on the farm now owned by Mrs. Huffman.

**W**Y. LANDIS, dealer in furniture, and undertaker, of Wooster, Ohio, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., June 26, 1846. His father, William Landis, was also a native of that county, and was a minister of the Mennonite Church, and his parents had also been Pennsylvanians. William Landis

was married to Mary Young, born in the same State, and by that union they were the parents of eight children, six of whom are yet living, three in Wayne County, Ohio. The father passed from earth in 1848, at the comparatively early age of forty-nine years, and in 1858 the mother came with her children to Wayne County, and was married to Christian Burkey, of Chester Township, where she yet resides, aged eighty-two years.

The subject of this memoir, when quite young, began to learn the trade of harness-making, and, after completing his apprenticeship, followed it for several years, for four years having a shop of his own. He next turned his attention to cabinet-making, and has now been in that business about twenty years. In 1882 he formed a partnership with William George, which continued for six years, it being dissolved in the summer of 1888, when Mr. Landis embarked alone, on East Liberty Street, Wooster, in the furniture business, in which he keeps a full and complete stock. An important feature of his business is undertaking, to which he gives careful attention. In 1867 Mr. Landis was united in marriage with Miss Talitha, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Pittenger, and a native of Wayne County. Her father lives in Chester Township, where her mother died in the fall of 1887. Two children have been born to this



union: Thomas, who died at the age of four years, and Maud, aged fifteen years.

Mr. Landis is a Republican in politics, and at one time was a member of the city council of Wooster. He is an active member of the Royal Arcanum, and was for some years an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department of Wooster. He is a self-made man, who began poor, but has by his perseverance, industry and business tact acquired a good position, and his success in life is a testimony to his upright and straightforward business principles. As an honest and capable merchant, and a progressive citizen, having the interests of the county at heart, he is rightly held in esteem by everyone who knows him.

**Z**EPHANIAH LOVETT, son of Jacob and Christena Anne (Trollinger) Lovett, was born in Allegany County, Md., October 12, 1826. His paternal and maternal grandparents were residents of that county, where Jonas Lovett was married and reared a family of children, as follows: John, Samuel, Daniel, Henry, William, Britton, Jonas, Gabriel, Jacob and three daughters. Of these, Jacob the father of Zephaniah, was born in Maryland in 1799, where he married Christena Anne Trollinger, and

where were born five children, viz.: James Hanson (deceased), Rosina, Eanon T., Clement S. (now a resident of Montana) and Zephaniah. The family then removed to Holmes County, Ohio, where the remainder of the children were born, as follows: Martha, Allen, Euzilla (deceased), Cedron E. and Octavia (deceased).

Zephaniah received his education in Holmes County, Ohio, and there married, July 3, 1856, Eliza Anne Esselborn, who died May 2, 1862. March 16, 1865, Mr. Lovett married Maria E. Spring. Mr. Lovett located in Shreve, Wayne County, in 1856, and has lived in the same house since that time. He followed the business of a contractor and builder for a period of twelve or fourteen years. He here built the steam saw-mill of Shreve, having a twenty-horse power engine, a planer, a cider-mill, etc., and in connection a lumber yard, supplying the adjoining country with its products. Mr. and Mrs. Lovett have two children, Edgar Odell and Guy Dudley. The parents and sons are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Lovett is one of the prominent and successful business men of Shreve, and occupies a deservedly high place in the estimation of the people generally. In politics he is a staunch Democrat and an enthusiastic free trader. He has been the recipient of political honors by well-merited advancement to various positions of trust.







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JACOB KISSINGER is a son of Peter and Mary (Pechard) Kissinger, natives of Cumberland County, Penn., who came to Wayne County, Ohio, about 1832, and located on a farm in Canaan Township, where the father died November 2, 1881, aged ninety years, and the mother June 22, 1873, aged sixty-five years. They reared ten children, as follows: George, who died in Illinois; Rachel (wife of Robert Berkholder), Lucy (wife of Samuel Rhodes), Susan (wife of Frederick Fife), Rebecca (wife of David Hewitt), and Elizabeth (wife of A. E. Ebey), all of Canaan Township, Wayne County; Jane, wife of Samuel Baker, of Summit County, Ohio; Peter, residing in Milton Township, Wayne County; John, residing in Wayne Township, Wayne County, and Jacob.

The subject of this biography was born in Canaan Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 11, 1833. He obtained a limited education in the township schools, assisting his father to clear the homestead farm, where he was reared. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed many years, earning enough to purchase his present farm of 100 acres of land in Canaan Township, where he successfully carries on agricultural pursuits. Mr. Kissinger has been lieutenant in Company K, Ohio National Guards. In 1865 he married Leah, daughter of Jonah Hunts-

berger, of Canaan Township, Wayne County, and they have three children: Elmer T., Lola Pearl and Edward J. Mr. Kissinger is an active member of the Democratic party, and has filled the office of township constable for ten years, and has also served as school director, etc. He is a trustee of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kissinger's paternal grandfather lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years.

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SAMUEL FRANK, son of John and Esther (McConaughy) Frank, was born in Burgettstown, Washington Co., Penn., May 7, 1818. His paternal grandfather, Baltzer Frank, was a native of Germany, and immigrated to this country in an early day, locating in Pennsylvania, where his son John was born. The latter came to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled in Canaan Township in the fall of 1822, where he selected a heavy body of timber, which proved to be an excellent piece of land. Here he commenced clearing up a farm, and after many years of unceasing toil he succeeded in hewing out of the primitive forest a comfortable home. He died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. His wife, Esther, was a native of Ireland, and was eleven years of age when her parents came to America; she died in her seventy-fourth



year. Mr. and Mrs. John Frank were life-long members of the Presbyterian Church.

Their son Samnel, the subject of this sketch, was brought from his native home to Wayne County, Ohio, by his parents when four years of age. His educational opportunities were few, and he remained at home assisting his father in the farm work until he was thirty-five years old, when he married, July 5, 1853, Miss Elizabeth Ann Shultz, who was born January 21, 1827, in Dauphin County, Penn., a daughter of Jacob Shultz. To Mr. and Mrs. Frank were born seven children, as follows: Naney, born in 1854, died in her ninth year; Maria J., born February 22, 1856, became the wife of Jeremiah Bowman, and died November 25, 1886; Mary A., born February 16, 1858, is now living in Ashland County, Ohio; Ellen, born February 19, 1860, now the wife of John Worst, and living in Chester Township, Wayne Co., Ohio; Jacob, born February 11, 1862, married the daughter of Charles Dyche, and also lives in Chester Township, Wayne County; Oliver E. was born August 28, 1864, married a daughter of Jacob Wohlgamuth, and resides on the old home place; John J., born November 18, 1866, makes his home with his father at the old homestead. The mother of these children died October 18, 1886. She, as has also been her husband, was

for many years identified with the original German Baptist Church. Samuel Frank can justly be classed among the pioneers of Wayne County, and has witnessed the many changes and improvements that have taken place in Congress and Canaan Townships within the past six or seven decades. He is still hearty and vigorous, taking active interest in his farm, on which he lives, and which was entered by Daniel Chasey, another of the sturdy pioneers of Congress Township. Mr. Frank, with the exception of his sister, Mrs. Robert McConaughy, is the only member of his father's family now living. In politics he is a Democrat.

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HENRY H. PLASTERER, son of C. F. Plasterer, was born in Plain Township, Wayne County, Ohio, December 8, 1856, and was educated in the schools of his locality. His father came from Lancaster County, Penn., to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1852, and is now residing in Plain Township. He was the father of the following-named children: Henry H., Susan A., George W., Elizabeth, Matilda and John J., all now living.

Of these, Henry H., whose name heads this biographical memoir, was married December 5, 1878, to May Abbey Horn,





of Plain Township, Wayne County, daughter of George W. Horn, formerly of Pennsylvania, and their children were as follows: Warren D., who died March 9, 1880, aged one year; Milan Earl, born November 8, 1880, and Verna Loy, born July 25, 1882. Mr. Plasterer was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Plain Township until February 12, 1887, when he embarked in mercantile business at Reedsburgh, same township, where he still carries on a general country store. He is also postmaster at Reedsburgh. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church; politically he is a Democrat.

**P**L. HORN, of the well-known firm of Horn Bros., Wooster, Ohio, was born in that city October 24, 1844.

His father, John P. Horn, was a native of Hesse - Darmstadt, Germany, who immigrated to America, and died in Wooster, December 12, 1888. Our subject was educated in the schools of Wooster, and when a mere lad began to learn the trade of baker and confectioner, in the same building in which he is now carrying on his business. Before he was eighteen years of age he enlisted, August 7, 1862, in Company I, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and at

once was transferred to the front, where he saw active service until September 24, 1864, when he was taken prisoner at the battle of Athens, Ala., and was confined at Cahaba, in that State, remaining there seven months. On being exchanged he was sent to Vicksburg, and was there until the close of the war. He was one of the passengers on the ill-fated "Sultana," which burned on the Mississippi, April 27, 1865, with such a fearful loss of life, the most appalling disaster ever known on the mighty "Father of Waters." On being hurled from the boat on the explosion of the boilers he managed to keep afloat, and drifted down the river two miles past the city of Memphis, nine miles from the scene of the disaster, where he was picked up by the crew of a gun-boat, one of the few survivors of that memorable night. May 20, 1865, he was honorably discharged, and returned to his home after an absence of nearly three years.

In April, 1866, our subject entered into business with his brother, John B. Horn, who had also served his country, and their brotherly co-partnership has continued ever since. A sketch of John Horn is given on another page of this volume. September 3, 1867, Mr. Horn was united in marriage with Miss Emma Nachtrieb, daughter of Jonas Nachtrieb, and a native of Wooster, where both her



parents died. They were of German birth, and were early settlers of Wooster, coming to that place from Pennsylvania. Of this union three children were born: Charles, Anna and Jennie, all still under the parental roof.

Mrs. Horn, her eldest daughter and son are members of the church. Mr. Horn is a member of the Odd Fellows order and the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He has made his way in the world unassisted, and from a small beginning has hewed out for himself an honorable position and a comfortable competence, besides gaining the universal good-will and esteem of those who know him as an honorable man.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON (deceased) was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1821, a son of Jacob and Mary (Young) Davidson, who were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters. Joseph Davidson remained in his native county until 1863, when he came to Wayne County, Ohio, and bought 253 acres of land in Wayne Township, which he made his home the rest of his life. Mr. Davidson was a hard-working man, and his success in life was due largely to his own labor, economy and good management. He gave his children good

educational advantages, and thus fitted them for the responsibilities of life. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father, a good neighbor, and was respected by all who knew him.

He was married in 1844 to Lucinda M., daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Wood) Phillips, of Fayette County, Penn., and to them was born a family of nine children: Jacob, Daniel, Samuel, Hannah Jane, Sarah E., Mary, Bertha L. and Joseph N. (deceased), and Anne M. In politics Mr. Davidson was a Republican. He was a member, as are also his family, of the River Brethren Church. He died July 23, 1883, aged sixty-two years, three months and ten days.

I O. SMYSER, farmer, Chester Township, is a native of Chester Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, born November 16, 1856, and is one of the representative young men of his county. His parents, Martin and Anne (Boffenmyre) Smyser, had a family of seven children, but three of whom are living, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Rev. A. Z. Thomas; Emma, now Mrs. Maurer, and I. O. Martin Smyser was one of the well-to-do men of the county. In early life he was engaged in milling and distilling, but subsequently he devoted his attention to agriculture.





He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. He died January 2, 1887, aged seventy-eight years. His widow is now living in her home at Reedsburgh.

I. O. Smyser has from his youth devoted his attention to farming, and now owns 140 acres of valuable land. He was married in 1880 to Miss Edith Falor, daughter of George W. Falor, of Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Falor died October 25, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Smyser have one daughter, Delpha May, born August 6, 1887. In politics Mr. Smyser is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN B. HORN, member of the firm of Horn Bros., bakers and confectioners, Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born in that city, September 20, 1842. His father, John Philip Horn, was born near Worms, Hesse-Darmstadt, (where his ancestors had resided for many generations), and died December 12, 1888. He immigrated to America in 1838, coming to Wooster, and soon after was married to Miss Barbara Speng, a native of France, who came to this country with her parents about 1828 or 1829. They settled in Wayne County, Ohio, where both her father and mother died. John P. Horn and wife had twelve children, of

whom the following nine yet survive: Henry, a baker, now in Wooster, this county; Edward, who is a jeweler, lives in Lima, Ohio; Emma is wife of Hiram Plank, of Galion, Ohio; Julius is a machinist, now in Wooster; William is in McClure's grocery, in Wooster; Catherine, Tillie, Philip L. and John B.

When our subject was a young man he learned the trade of shoe-making in Wooster, at which he worked until the spring of 1862, when he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Second Ohio Infantry, and served nearly three years in the ranks of his country's defenders. For a part of this time he was confined in the hospital six weeks, and on May 18, 1865, was honorably discharged, but was unable to leave the hospital until June, when he returned to Wooster, and there spent the following year in regaining his lost health. In the spring of 1866 he formed the present existing partnership with his brother, P. L. (of whom see a sketch elsewhere in this volume), and they have since successfully conducted the bakery business.

In July, 1867, John B. Horn was united in marriage with Miss Odelia, daughter of R. H. and Catherine Laubach, and a native of Pennsylvania. Both her parents are now living. To Mr. Horn and wife have been born four children: Allie, Lillie and Harry, living under the pa-





rental roof, and Florence (deceased). Mr. Horn is a worthy citizen of Wooster, where he has spent his entire life, with the exception of the time he was in his country's service, and no man in it bears a higher character for integrity. He is succeeding in his business, and his success is well deserved. Politically the Republican party finds in him a warm supporter, and the G. A. R. counts him among its worthy members.

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GEORGE W. BLANDFORD, of the firm of Logan & Blandford, of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born in London, England, July 5, 1852. George Blandford, his father, was a book-keeper in his native land, and was there married to Sarah Stone, whose parents both died in England, where she was born. By this union they have a family of six children, all now residents of Wayne County. The family came to America in 1858, locating first in Stark County, Ohio, but the following year they removed to Wooster, since which time the father has been in the employ of the Wooster Gas Company.

The subject of these lines was educated in the common schools of Wooster, and when about eighteen years old began learning the plumbing and gas-fitting

trade in Wooster, following that trade there for six years. Four years succeeding that time he was engaged in the hardware business in Apple Creek, in Wayne County, and then for seven years was in the grocery trade in that place. In 1888 he formed the partnership with his father-in-law. In 1872 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ida Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Logan. One child has been born to them, whom they have named Earl Allison Blandford.

Mr. Blandford and family are active and respected members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party; socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows order. He has earned by a life of industry and honorable conduct the success which he has made, and, starting with no assistance, he has been the architect of his own fortunes, having supported himself since he was twelve years of age, and acquired his own education. To-day none of the younger business men of Wooster is held in higher esteem than George W. Blandford.

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SOLOMON R. KING, farmer on Section 13, Greene Township, Wayne County, is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Zook) King. He was the fourth



of the children, and was born on the homestead in Greene Township, December 9, 1846. He was brought up to farming, at which he worked summers while young, attending the district schools in the winters. He continued to live with his father until his marriage, when he bought from his wife's father the farm which has ever since been his home. The log cabin in which they first lived is still standing, and is regarded with considerable affection by the family, all the children except the youngest having been born in it. It has witnessed their early sorrows, and resounded with their shouts of mirth. The fine house and outbuildings were erected by Mr. King, and his farm has been brought into an excellent state of cultivation.

December 19, 1867, he was married to Miss Lydia, daughter of Stephen Shrock, one of the first settlers in Wayne County. Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of six children, still living under the parental roof. Their names are Noah William, born January 26, 1869; Amelia, born September 13, 1871; Sarah M., born March 29, 1874; David E., born September 21, 1876; Ira S., born November 18, 1878, and Harvey J., born November 29, 1884. Mr. King's life-long occupation has been that of a farmer, never having engaged in any other occupation. He and his wife are members of the Oak

Grove Mennonite Church, and among the best known and most highly respected citizens of Wayne County. He holds a foremost rank as a man of integrity and irreproachable character.

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**W**ENDELL YOUNG. This well-known citizen of Wooster was born in Germany, July 12, 1820, where his father, Wendell Young, Sr., died. He was married to Dorothea Montz, who bore him seven children. Two of these are now living in Wayne County, our subject and his sister Lena. When twenty-six years of age our subject immigrated to America, locating in Wooster, this county, which has ever since been his home. In 1848 he was married to Miss Rosa Hahn, also of German birth, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Rosa, now wife of William Shibley, of Wooster; Edward, Amelia, Kate, Anna and Albert, all living at home, and August, who is deceased.

When Mr. Young first came to Wooster he worked at odd jobs, or whatever he could find to do. Being both industrious and frugal, and having the aid of a faithful wife, he prospered, and in 1864 erected a brewery, which he operated until 1878, when it burned down. He then erected another building, and started a bottling





works for beer, mineral waters, etc., and in that business has continued until the present time. He has made his own way in the world, starting poor and without any help, and has attained an honorable position, both financially and socially, his success being the result of his own industry and thrifty habits, and the honorable name he bears, which has contributed largely to his success. He has helped every movement for the benefit of his adopted city, and is to-day a well-known and highly respected citizen, well spoken of by all. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Church of Wooster.

**C**HARLES BOYDSTON was born October 25, 1816, in Greene Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and is a son of Thomas and Emily (Burris) Boydston, the father a native of Greene County, Pa., and the mother of Monongalia County, Va. They came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1810, entering a tract of land in Greene Township, and after living there a few years they purchased another farm in East Union Township, where they passed the remainder of their days. The father died in Orrville in 1863, and the mother in East Union in 1824, both being prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Boydston, Sr., was thrice

married. By his first wife, *nee* Emily Burris, he had six children, all of whom are dead except Charles, the subject of this memoir; his second wife was Mary Breakfield, who only lived a short time after marriage.

Charles Boydston, whose name heads this sketch, was reared as a farmer, an occupation he has always followed, and moved onto his present farm in East Union Township in 1852. In 1840 he married Miss Sarah, daughter of Josiah Milbourn, of East Union Township, Wayne County. She died in 1879, leaving nine children, as follows: Sophronia, now Mrs. Henry Shriber, of Orrville, Ohio; Emeline, now Mrs. James McFadden, of Henry County, Mo.; Emily, now Mrs. Jonathan Piper, of Burt County, Neb.; Aurilla, wife of J. E. Barrett, of Wooster; Horace G., in Nebraska; Delinda, at home; Charles W., in Henry County, Mo.; May, now Mrs. Adam D. Schultz, of Apple Creek, Wayne County, and Sarah, at home. Mr. Boydston is a Republican in politics.

**E**DWARD GEISELMAN, a well-known citizen of Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born in January, 1835. His grandfather, Jacob Geiselman, was a





Charles Boydston



native of New York, who came to Wooster, this county, at an early day, where he kept the first hotel, and spent the remainder of his days. John Geiselman, father of Edward, was born in Ohio, and in his youth learned the trade of blacksmith in Wooster. Upon reaching manhood he was married in that place to Sarah Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Wayne County with her parents. Of this marriage three children were born: Cyrenius, who is deceased; Charlotte, now wife of James McIntyre, and living in California, and Edward.

The subject of this biographical sketch spent his early life on the farm, and remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, when he was married to Miss Emeline Culbertson, a native of Wayne County, and a granddaughter of John and Jane Culbertson, both of whom are deceased. Our subject and wife have had seven children born to them, namely: John W., Cyrenius M., Harvey, Elmer, Eli K. and Emma, all living in Wooster, and all the sons engaged in farming except Eli K., the youngest, who is in the clothing store with Mr. Sicheley, and Clara Etta, now wife of Lewis Grenwald, living in Wayne County. In 1868 Mr. Geiselman engaged in the sale of agricultural implements for the McDonald Company for ten years, which connection was later dissolved. With the

exception of five years, which he spent on his farm in East Union and Franklin Townships, this has been his occupation since. In 1882 he left the farm, and, coming back to Wooster, has resided there to the present time.

By perseverance and business tact Mr. Geiselman has made a success in life, and is universally recognized as one of Wayne County's substantial citizens, respected and honored wherever he is known, and the entire family stand high in the estimation of the people. In politics he is a Democrat, but his political action is guided by well-considered motives rather than by partisan feeling. Socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows order.

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**S**HERMAN J. HUFFMAN. This popular young merchant was born in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, January 10, 1865, and is a son of Daniel V. and Catherine (Wilhelm) Huffman. His paternal grandfather and great-grandfather settled in Chippewa Township, this county, in 1814. Our subject was reared in his native township, and was educated in the public schools of Doylestown. In 1883 he engaged in the drug business in Doylestown, as a partner with Charles McCormish, with whom he





was associated six months. In 1885 he entered the employ of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Railroad Company as agent for their Doylestown trade, which position he held eight months. In October, 1886, he embarked in the boot and shoe business, and by his uniform courtesy to all and strict attention to the wants of his customers he has built up a large business, which is daily increasing. November 16, 1887, he married Mimie B., daughter of Jacob Hollinger, of Clinton, Ohio. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Republican.

**R**OBERT ORR (deceased) was born in East Union Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1818, and died in Canaan Township, same county, in 1866. His father, Hugh Orr, was a native of Ireland, and one of the very early settlers of Wayne County. He married Nancy Steele, and entered a tract of land in East Union Township; afterward moved to Canaan Township. Robert Orr was reared on the farm, and always followed an agricultural life. In 1846 he married Miss Castilla, daughter of Thomas and Jemimah Dawson, natives of Western Virginia, and settlers in Milton Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and after

their marriage they located on a farm in Canaan Township. Mr. Orr was a member of the Whig and afterward of the Democratic party, and filled the township offices of assessor, constable, school director, etc. He was a prominent member of the Jackson Presbyterian Church for many years, having united with it when twenty-two years of age.

Only one child was born to him: Wilson Shannon Orr, who was born in Canaan Township, December 28, 1847. He was reared on the farm, and educated in the township schools and the Smithville and Canaan Academies, attending also Mount Union College for one term. After the death of his father, he remained on the homestead for a few years, and was engaged in teaching school. He then attended the Western Reserve College, near Cleveland, from which he graduated at the age of twenty-four years. Soon after this Mr. Orr was united in marriage with Martha, daughter of Zenos Z. Crane, of Jackson, Wayne County. He then entered the law office of Col. Wiley, at Wooster, and in due time was admitted to the Wayne County bar, where he practiced his profession until his death, which occurred September 1, 1888. He was one of the bright young attorneys of the Wooster bar, and his future was full of hope. He was a Republican in politics, and a strong sup-



porter of the temperance cause. Like his father, he joined the Jackson Presbyterian Church at an early age, and was one of its prominent members. His widow and three children, Ethel, Gertrude and Robert, reside in Wooster, Ohio. Mrs. Castilla Orr, the widow of Robert Orr, still resides on the homestead in Canaan Township, in the enjoyment of good health, at the age of seventy years.

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**M**ISS SARAH GRADY. This estimable lady is a native of Greene Township, Wayne County, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Grady, who came from Pennsylvania in 1818, and settled upon a farm in the township named, when it was covered with dense forest, which the pioneers had to cut away to make room for their log cabin. The father was a cooper by trade, but after settling in this county gave his attention principally to this farm. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania. The pioneer and his family lived the usual life of those brave and hardy spirits who rescued this beautiful and fertile land from the primeval forest, making it one of the most productive parts of this rich commonwealth. Hardships were cheerfully endured, of which the present gen-

eration know but little, except by hearsay, and the reward was the broad and fertile acres which gradually took the place of the forest, leveled by the ax. To this worthy couple were born eight children, three of whom are now living. The wife and mother passed from earth in January, 1861, aged sixty-five years, having been born November 8, 1795, the husband and father following her to the grave in June, 1864, at the ripe age of seventy-nine years, being born November 25, 1785. They were upright, God-fearing people, and were universally respected.

The subject of this sketch was born May 17, 1818, just after her parents came to Wayne County, and she remained with them as long as they lived, helping, even as a child, in the necessary work of the pioneer, often rolling logs, burning brush, and doing any manual work of which she was capable. She was also taught to spin, and was, and is yet, capable of doing good work. At the death of her father she inherited the homestead, on which she lived until 1868, when she sold it and removed to Wooster, which has since been her home. The life of Miss Grady has been a busy one, and she has been a witness of and participant in the work of building up this county to its present proud position. The incidents of her early life are yet fresh in her memory, and her recital of them is interesting. When she first





attended school she had to go by a blazed path through the woods to the old log school-house, where the rudiments of education were instilled into the minds of the children of the pioneers. Her parents were members of the Baptist Church (as she had been all her adult life), and services were held in their house for many years. She well remembers attending church at the court-house in Wooster when guards were placed at the doors.

Miss Grady has ever been noted for benevolence, and a desire to do all the good she could to her fellow-beings. She adopted a soldier's orphan, Sadie Frazier, then a young child, but who now, grown to womanhood, still makes her home with her foster-mother, for whom she has all a child's love and respect. Miss Grady has a brother, Israel Grady, living in Wayne County, where he is well known, and she has one living in Kansas. For her many admirable traits of character, and her charity and benevolence, this much esteemed lady is justly held in high regard in the county of her birth.

**THOMAS McELHENIE AND DESCENDANTS.** The McElhenie family has been prominently identified with the history and affairs of Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio,

and, to a greater or less extent, with the county itself, for more than half a century, and it is fitting that mention of the family should be made in this work. Thomas McElhenie was of Scotch-Irish descent, his paternal ancestors coming from the land of Burns and Scott, and those on his maternal side from the "Emerald Isle." There is no authentic record of their immigration to America, nor of the early history of the family prior to the advent of the member whose name heads this sketch. Thomas McElhenie was born in Huntingdon County, Penn., March 26, 1787, and was one of a large family of children. That he stood in a line of multiplying people is evidenced by the fact that persons of the same name, whose ancestry hailed from the same locality, are widely and thickly scattered over the country (many of them having come directly from Great Britain), and by the further fact that his own posterity comprise no inconsiderable number. In his early years he taught school, afterward engaging in agricultural pursuits. December 12, 1812, he married Margaret Eaken, of Centre County, Penn., also of Scotch-Irish parentage. Her father was the youngest of eleven brothers, and of her own family but little is known, except that two of her brothers, Robert and Andrew Eaken, were afterward residents of Chippewa Township, Wayne



County, the latter having been an ensign with Commodore Perry in his famous battle on Lake Erie, and the fourth man to board the British fleet. Mr. McElhenie lived for fifteen years on one of the many farms owned by James Duncan, in Penn's Valley, and in the winter season was one of the many who carried on trade between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia by teaming across the mountains. To him were born nine children, six sons and three daughters. Two sons died in infancy, and the rest of the children were as follows: William, John, Margaret C., Elizabeth K., James E., Thomas J. and Jane. In 1833 Mr. McElhenie made a prospecting tour to Ohio, and in May, 1834, he purchased eighty acres of land near Easton, in Chippewa Township, on the bank of the Big Chippewa Creek, and opened a tavern, which he kept several years. In 1844 he sold his farm, and located in Easton, where he built a large house, at the east end of the village, now owned and occupied by his youngest son, Thomas J. Before he left Pennsylvania he had held the office of Justice of the Peace, his commission from Gov. Gregg being still in the possession of his son, Thomas J. Soon after coming to Ohio he was elected to the same office, which he continued to hold for several terms. As a magistrate he always endeavored to induce litigants to compromise rather than to go on with a suit.

Upon his first election his wife's nephew, John Eaken, then a cabinet-maker in the neighborhood, said: "Now, uncle, you must have a chair and desk in keeping with the dignity of your office," and made the same, which are still in possession of the son, who for many years used them in his administration of the same office (as will be mentioned farther on). Mr. McElhenie was a man of sterling character, one of the sturdy yeomanry who braved the trials of pioneer life, and out of the wild chaos forged the chain of civilization which brought the great State of Ohio to its present proud position in the galaxy of States. Some time after moving over to the village Mr. McElhenie opened a store, afterward taking his youngest son, Thomas J., into partnership with him, and they continued in business there until a short time before the War of the Rebellion, when they were overcome by the effects of the panic of 1857. Mr. McElhenie afterward lived the quiet life suited to his years, and on April 23, 1871, he died, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Margaret, born July 12, 1793, survived until November 22, 1874, when she died at the residence of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Jane Brattin, near Easton. Of their children, William, who was a tailor by trade, was twice married, and died at Mendota, Ill. (a portion of his family now reside at La Salle, Ill.); John married Sarah Bronse, and reared a





large family (they now reside in Steuben County, Ind.); Margaret C. married Ephraim Martin, and became the mother of four children (he is dead, and she lives with a daughter at Mogadore, Ohio); Elizabeth K. married Michael D. Dagne (they live in Doylestown, Ohio, and are referred to at length elsewhere in this work); James E., who was twice married, and reared a large family, is now a resident of Steuben County, Ind.; Thomas J.; Jane, the youngest, married George W. Brattin (they now live in Williams County, Ohio).

Thomas J. McElhenie was born in Centre County, Penn., July 4, 1826, the day upon which ex-Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died, and was named in honor of the latter. He was reared in Chippewa Township from eight years of age, and his education was obtained at the district schools, the famous McGregor Academy, at Wadsworth, and under "Priest" Abbott, the Presbyterian minister at Doylestown. Like his father, he taught school for some time, then went into the store with his father. March 22, 1848, Mr. McElhenie married Sarah B., daughter of Abram Van Eman, a staunch Presbyterian farmer of Lawrence Township, Stark Co., Ohio. Upon the failure of the firm, in 1859, and during the auction sale which followed, he kept a restaurant, which grew through several stages until by 1872-73 (at the time of the

building of the railroad through the village) he was occupying the old store-room, greatly enlarged, and doing a large business. For several years he held the office of Justice of the Peace, and was also Constable and Township Trustee. In 1874 he was elected to the office of County Auditor, in which capacity he served with credit to himself and the county for four years, or two successive terms. After retiring from office he engaged in the grocery business at Wooster, Ohio, but sold out the next fall, and returned to Easton, where he had invested his means in land adjoining the village, which he still owns and cultivates. After returning to Chippewa Township he was elected Constable until the office of Justice of the Peace became vacant, when he was again chosen to that office, holding the same until 1888, when he declined to serve longer, saying that, as he had held the office seven terms, or one term longer than any other man in the township, he felt that his ambition ought to be satisfied. His children were nine in number, of whom four grew to maturity, viz.: Thomas D., James V., Mary B. and Lillian M. Of these, Thomas D. learned the drug business in Wooster, graduating at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1872, and is now a prominent druggist of Brooklyn, N. Y. He married Miss Belle Osborne, of Wooster, Ohio. James V.,





the second son, was brought up behind the counter in his father's store; attended Smithville High School a few terms; taught school one term; occupied various clerical positions, including about two years' service in the County Auditor's office with his father, and upon the retirement of the latter he purchased the office of the *Journal* newspaper at Doylestown from its founder, G. W. Everts, which he conducted until 1883, in which year, on account of ill health, he sold out to G. A. Corbus, of Wooster. March 29, 1881, Mr. McElhenie married Miss Laura J. France, of Wooster, one of whose grandfathers was John Lehman, who died in Wayne Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1886, at the age of ninety-four. She died October 27, 1883, leaving one child, Paul. After a variety of experiences, six months in Nebraska, two years of farming, and the establishment of the *Sun* newspaper at Fredericksburgh, together with its management for nine months, Mr. McElhenie again found himself, in October, 1887, in charge of the *Doylestown Journal*, under a lease. In March following he purchased the office outright, and continues in charge at this writing. On December 13, 1888, Mr. McElhenie again entered the marriage relation, his wife being Miss Anna Hawkins, of Fredericksburgh, a granddaughter of Joseph Hawkins, one of the early set-

tlers of the county. Her father was chief musician of the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the War of the Rebellion, and was confined in Libby and Camp Ford (Tyler, Tex.) prisons. Mary B. and Lillian M. remain at home in Easton with their parents.

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MRS. MARY JANE MYERS. This well-known lady has been a resident of Wayne County all her life, having been born in Wooster Township, May 22, 1824. Her father, John Kauke, a native of Holland, came to America with his parents when a small boy. They stopped for a time in Pennsylvania, when Christopher, grandfather of Mrs. Myers, came to Wayne County, in which he passed the remainder of his life. The family made the journey in covered wagons. John Kauke grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, and there learned the trade of shoe-making. He was married to Miss Mary Hoover, who was born about seven miles from Wilkes Barre, Penn., in which State both her parents died. John Kauke and his wife came to Wayne County about 1816, and he there engaged in the manufacture of brick, making some of the first ever burnt in



Wooster. Both he and his wife died in this county.

When she was seventeen years of age Mary Jane Kauke was united in marriage with John Myers, a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, whose father, also named John, was born in Pennsylvania, and came as a pioneer to Wayne County. The latter was a wagoner, and teamed between Baltimore and Pittsburgh when goods were transported altogether by wagon. John Myers, husband of our subject, learned the trade of carpentering in his native county, and worked at it after coming to this county. For three years after their marriage the young couple lived in what is known as the haunted house, in Wooster Township. On the death of his mother they went to live with his father, staying with him two years, and then removing to a farm in Chester Township, remaining on it for twelve years. His father dying, they again went to the old homestead for three years, after which they returned to their own farm. In 1870 the family removed to the house the father had built in Wooster, which is Mrs. Myers' present home, and lived there five years, but in the fall of 1873 death took from the family circle two sons and a daughter-in-law, and the afflicted parents again returned to their farm, trying by active labor to assuage their grief. In the spring of 1884 the grim reaper again invaded

their hearthstone, this time taking away the husband and father, at the age of sixty-seven years. John Myers was a prominent man in the county, and exercised a considerable influence in its affairs. He was well known and much respected by those who knew him, and left behind not only a competence, but the better heritage of a good name. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and while a resident of Chester Township was for many years township assessor and township trustee.

By her marriage with Mr. Myers our subject became the mother of eight children, of whom we make the following record: John H. died in childhood; Walter M. entered the army during the Civil War, in the 100-day men, and died while in the service, of typhoid fever; Samuel B., or "Doc.," as he was familiarly called, is also deceased, he and his wife dying a few hours apart, of typhoid fever, leaving two children, Sydney D. and Laura B., who are being reared and educated by Mrs. Myers; the next in order of birth is Mary Ellen, who is now Mrs. Snyder, of Chester Township; Charles is deceased; Brown is living in Nebraska; Grant is a book-keeper, and makes his home with his mother; and an infant, who died unnamed, completes the list. The fall following her husband's death Mrs. Myers came back to Wooster, and has since made her home in her pleasant





house on Sayboldt Avenue. For forty-eight years Mr. Myers has been a member of the Baptist Church, and his widow has now been a member for the same number of years. All the children who grew to maturity also became members of the same church. The family is one of the oldest and best known in the county, and will long be remembered as among its worthy pioneers. They are esteemed and respected by every person with whom they come in contact.

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**W**ILLIAM B. TAYLOR, a son of Joseph Taylor, and grandson of John Taylor, was born in Canaan Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, August 18, 1849, and grew to manhood on the old home place in Canaan Township, which was entered by his grandfather, John Taylor. The latter was a native of Crawford County, Penn., and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in an early day, being among the early settlers of the county. He died aged ninety-four years. Joseph Taylor, father of William B., was a native of Wayne County, born in Canaan Township in 1814, and died May 18, 1870; his wife was Lucinda, daughter of Jacob Hartman, and was born near Troy, Ashland Co., Ohio. In his father's will William B. Taylor was named as the ex-

ecutor of the estate, and this trust he fulfilled with admirable satisfaction to all the heirs. The subject of this memoir received a common-school education, and was brought up to farm life.

December 7, 1871, he married Miss Jané, daughter of William Kiser, one of the first settlers of Congress Township, Wayne County, and to this union four children were born: Kiser W., born March 14, 1875; Nellie M., March 23, 1877; Norah A., January 12, 1879, and Clyde E., July 15, 1886. Mr. Taylor is at present a member of the Board of Trustees for Congress Township, and is serving his third term. He and his wife are prominent members of the United Brethren Church. They own between them 262 acres of as fine land as can be found in the State of Ohio.

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**G**EORGE STROCK, son of Conrad and Mary (Wyrick) Strock, natives of Dauphin County, Penn., was born in that county and State September 22, 1825, in November of which year the family moved to Wayne County, Ohio, first locating on what is now known as the Smith farm, in Plain Township. After remaining there four years, they moved into Wooster Township, where the parents spent the balance of their lives. They



were prominent members of the German Lutheran Church. Conrad Strock was in early days an active Democrat, but later became a member of the Whig party, and held several township offices. Four of the children of Conrad and Mary Strock are yet living, viz.: Catherine, wife of Abraham Bechtel, in Plain Township, Wayne County; George; Jacob, in Holmes County, Ohio, and Daniel, on the homestead.

Of these, George was reared on the farm, receiving an ordinary education, which he obtained by attending the winter terms of school, working during the summer months. In 1848 he married Miss Mary A., daughter of Peter Baumgardner, of Wooster Township, Wayne County, and four children have been born to them, as follows: James Finley, in Plain Township, Wayne County, married Elizabeth Lowe, daughter of Benjamin Lowe, of Plain Township, and has five children: Ira Benjamin, M. Lunettie, M. Luella, George O. and Bessie; Daniel W., in Wooster Township, Wayne County, married Addie Trontman, daughter of Philip Trontman, also of Wooster Township, and has four children: Franklin, Jay, Earl and an infant; Leander C., of Lake County, Ohio, has been twice married (his first wife died without issue; his present wife was Flora Cook, of Lake County, Ohio, and by her he has one

child, Wilber Conrad); George B., living at home, married Kate Moore, daughter of Bryson Moore, and has one child, Genevieve B. Mr. Strock moved to his present farm of 165 acres, in Plain Township, Wayne County, in 1864. He has held the office of trustee of Clinton Township, Wayne County, also several offices in Plain Township. He is identified with the Republican party. He and his wife are prominent members of the Millbrook Baptist Church.

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**J**OHNS LONG, JR. This well-known native citizen of Wayne County, now residing in the city of Wooster, was born in Wayne Township, four miles north of Wooster, on September 12, 1818. His father, John Long, Sr., was born near Coleraine, County Derry, Ireland, and when fourteen years of age came to America with his parents. They landed at New Castle, Del., and making their way into Pennsylvania, located at Carlisle Barracks, in Cumberland County, removing two years later to Westmoreland County, Penn., where they settled upon a farm which is yet in possession of the family, a period now of over ninety years. There the grandparents of our subject died, and there his father grew





to manhood. The latter was twice married, his first wife being Miss Phœbe Baylis, who died, leaving one child, Ellen, who subsequently became the wife of George Keck, and removed to Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio, where she died in November, 1887. The second wife of John Long, Sr., was Huldah Bird, daughter of William and Sarah (Randolph) Bird. Her mother was a descendant of a family of wealthy Boston merchants, whose property was confiscated by the British during the Revolution, because of their loyalty to the cause of the struggling colonies. John and Huldah Long became the parents of eleven children, of whom six still survive: John, whose name heads this sketch, is the eldest of the family; Mary is the wife of James T. Atkinson, and lives in Wooster; Naucy, now Mrs. Litchfield, has been twice married, her first husband being Robert De Vinnie; William is living in Clinton Township, this county; Margaret has also been twice married, her first husband, T. Bayliss, having been killed by Indians, and she is now the wife of a cousin, Robert Long, and lives in Pennsylvania; Abalona, the last of the survivors, is wife of Champion Kinney, and lives in Canaan Township, Wayne County.

The father of our subject, with others of the family, came to Wayne County at a day when there were but few settlers

within its borders, and the whole county was covered with a dense forest. He cleared a small place, and remained here until some two years after the birth of our subject, to whom succeeded a girl, and then the father and mother took their two children and all their household goods on two horses, and removed to Armstrong County, Penn., where they stayed for two years, and where one more child was born to them, being Mary, now Mrs. Atkinson, of Wooster. In Armstrong County the family had hard times, and while still a child our subject was often carried by his mother two miles, together with a bushel of corn, which she ground in a hand mill, and then carried back again for the family use. About the year 1823 the parents again came to Wayne County with their children. The journey had to be made on horseback, as there were no roads through the forest, and their only guide was a "blaze" on the trees. The father bought a farm in Congress Township, and to that place they came. There were many maple trees on the place, and the father made a sugar camp at once, as it was in sap season, and the sugar he obtained he traded for meat, pound for pound. The poverty of the family was a great bar to their early success. The father had no team, and got his land plowed by working for neighbors, who in turn would come and help him with their





oxen. After much hard labor, the sturdy pioneer, who had wrought manfully in the face of many discouragements, brought his land into something like a cultivated farm, and then sold it for \$100. With this he was enabled to buy a better place of eighty acres, within six miles of Wooster. The land which he sold has since become valuable, as it adjoins the now flourishing village of Burbank, some of it, indeed, being within the corporation limits, and the railroad station is built upon it.

On the new farm to which Mr. Long had removed there was an unfinished log house, and in that the family lived for a time, having only a blanket for a door. This farm was also sold after a time, and the next four years were spent upon a rented farm, when the family removed to Wooster. Extreme hard toil, with the many deprivations and anxieties he endured, told upon the pioneer, and he became insane, thus putting another burden upon the brave mother and her young children. Still she fought the battle of life nobly, and in Wooster worked hard to support her young children. Our subject was the eldest, and at twelve years of age began to contribute to the family support, earning at first eighteen cents a day, every cent of which he gave to his mother. He was continually on the lookout for work, never refusing anything by which he could honestly earn a penny. When he

found nothing else to do he would go into the woods in the season and gather nuts to sell. In this way he soon became known as a bright and industrious lad, and work came to him more easily.

The progress of John Long was slow and tedious, but was certain, as he made no backward steps, and his faithfulness and the manner in which he labored to assist his mother and his helpless father and younger brothers and sisters were generally known, and inclined people to assist him. He finally secured employment with John Slone, at \$8 per month in summer, doing chores in winter for his board, and attending school as much as possible, and on Saturdays drawing wood for his mother, to add to whose comfort was his greatest desire. She was still struggling along, but as her children became older her burdens gradually became lighter, and like her son she was held in high respect, and procured work easily in the best families in Wooster. Mr. Slone, for whom our subject was at that time working, was one of the best known men of the county, and often had business away from home, at Columbus and elsewhere. In his absence he intrusted everything to young Long, in whose capacity and fidelity he had absolute faith, which was not misplaced. The land upon which Mr. Long's house stands was, at that time, the property of Mr. Slone, and young Long



bought of him the lot on which he meant to erect a home for his parents—a brave determination for a boy, but one he successfully executed. He was to pay for this land \$300, and had the privilege of fifteen years' time in which to pay for it, but in three years he had it paid for. He drew stone in the evenings for the foundation, after working all day for others; dug his cellar in the same way, and after great exertions succeeded in making for his parents a home free from debt. After getting the house finished and his parents in possession of it, he went to Cincinnati, where he was employed in a commission house, and there he remained from October until the following June, when he returned home, and after working there for some time by the month, then undertook the task of driving a drove of cattle to Pennsylvania, which consumed the summer and the early fall. For a short time he was again in Cincinnati, and then returned to Wooster, where he has since made his permanent home. His father had been for nine years in an asylum for the insane, but he brought him home, and after four years in his son's house he died, in April, 1867, at the age of eighty-five years. The devoted mother, whose memory is sacred to her children, died in June, 1875, aged seventy-five years.

The life of Mr. Long had been too busy and filled with too much labor and anxie-

ties to leave him time for social intercourse, and he remained single until he was thirty-three years of age. His marriage took place April 20, 1853, when he was united in wedlock with Miss Nancy, a daughter of Benjamin Miller, and a native of Westmoreland County, Penn. Of their union six children were born: George K., the eldest, is a resident of Wooster; Hezekiah H. and Eliza are deceased; Martha is the wife of J. W. Smith, of East Union Township; Mary Etta was accidentally killed on the railroad, and Lewis is a resident of Wayne County. Since his marriage Mr. Long has lived in the house which he built for his mother, which he has enlarged and partially rebuilt. He and his wife are sincere members of the United Presbyterian Church. When Mr. Long first attended school it was to study his a, b, c's from a "paddle," on which the letters were pasted. He kept an account of his income and expenditures on a stick, on which a certain notch meant a certain amount of money. In this way, before he had learned to read or write, he kept all his transactions, and never made a mistake. The characteristics which distinguished him as a boy remained with him in his manhood, and were the principal factors in his success. Honest beyond question, he always paid promptly all he owed, and never was sued by any person, and has always stood as a "man





among men." A man of large humanity, his own early trials have made him considerate and generous to others, and he will long be remembered as a citizen who has been an honor to his county.

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**G**EORGE W. RICHWINE was born June 27, 1840, in Stark County, Ohio, a son of Solomon Richwine, who was born in Lancaster County, Penn., March 14, 1801, and grandson of Henry and Catherine (Rhodes) Richwine. In 1827 Solomon Richwine married Miss Eliza Oberly, of Lancaster County, Penn. In 1837 they came to Wayne County, Ohio, and in 1842 they moved into East Union Township, Wayne County, Ohio, where the wife died in 1887. Their family consisted of seven children, two of whom died in infancy; the others were Lewis, who died in 1880, at the age of thirty-five years; Rebecca, a maiden lady, at home; Isaac; Elizabeth, wife of Nathaniel Ames, of Williams County, Ohio, and George W.

The last named, the subject of this memoir, was married in 1869 to Miss Martha C., daughter of Jacob Bonewitz, and to this union were born six children, five of whom are now living: Joseph, Lewis, Rebecca, Nettie and Eliza. Mr. Richwine is a member of the Democratic

party, and is school director of his township at the present time. He has a farm of eighty-five acres, and in connection works his father's farm of 168 acres, all being in East Union Township, Wayne County.

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**J**OHN DURSTINE, farmer, is a representative of one of the old German families of America. Jacob Durstine, the pioneer of the family in this country, settled in Pennsylvania, and in that State, in Westmoreland County, his son Abraham was born. Abraham married Catherine Sherrick, and in 1826 moved to Holmes County, Ohio, and settled on a quarter section of wild land, on which he lived until 1857, when he came to Wayne County, and bought 185 acres of land in Wayne Township, where he lived until 1868, when he moved to Smithville, making that his home until his death; he died in 1878, at the age of seventy-eight years. His family consisted of six children, John being the second.

John Durstine was born in 1825, and was but three months old when his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio. His education was limited to that obtainable in the old log school-house. Like his father, he has followed agricultural pursuits, and is now one of the prosperous farmers of



the township. His home farm contains 418 acres of land, 188 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Paint and 229 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Wayne Township, and it has been secured mainly by his own efforts. He was married February 28, 1847, to Elizabeth Freed, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Newcomer) Freed, of Holmes County. Mr. and Mrs. Durstine have had eight children, viz.: Mary, an infant (deceased), Adaline, Cyrus, Lyman, Ellen, Clark and Catherine. Their son Cyrus lives on the portion of the farm lying in Paint Township, and Mr. Durstine and the rest of his family live in Wayne Township. Mr. Durstine casts his suffrage with the Prohibition party.

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**ISRAEL GRADY.** This gentleman is a well-known native citizen of Wayne County, Ohio, having been born in Greene Township April 28, 1828. His paternal grandfather was a native of England, and immigrated to America at an early day, settling in Pennsylvania, in which State he died. John Grady, father of Israel, was born in that State, and there learned the trade of coopering. In early manhood he married Elizabeth Odenkirk, a native of the Keystone State, of German ancestry. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom are now living. In 1818 John Grady brought

his family to Wayne County, settling on a farm in Greene Township. This was then a wild, unsettled place, and the farm had to be cleared from the forest. They had to endure all the discomforts and hardships of early pioneer life, but as the farm grew in beauty and value as the result of their toil, the hardy pioneer and his wife felt themselves amply rewarded by having a good home in which to rear the children rapidly growing up within their cabin walls. Mrs. Grady was the first to hear the summons of the angel of death, passing away at the age of sixty-five years. Her husband survived her until 1864, when he died at the ripe age of nearly four score. Both were sincere members of the Baptist Church of Wooster.

Israel Grady lived with his father until he was twenty-seven years of age, and in his youth took his share of the labors of the pioneer. At the age of twenty-four he was married to Miss Sophronia, daughter of Josiah and Eunice (Pratt) Milbourn, and born in East Union Township May 13, 1828. In 1858 Mr. Grady bought a farm in East Union Township, on which were but a few improvements, and here he and his faithful wife toiled to make for themselves and family a comfortable home, and so industriously and intelligently did they labor that their farm became known as the finest in the township. The first work



on their farm was the planting of eighteen acres of fruit trees. Mrs. Grady's father was also one of Wayne County's pioneers, coming here from Virginia with his mother at an early day, and settling in East Union Township. In 1819 he was married to Miss Eunice, a daughter of Oliver Pratt, who came to this county in 1814. Her father died in December, 1880, aged eighty-one years; the mother died in 1889, at the age of eighty-five years. Mrs. Grady was brought up as pioneer's children were in those early days. She learned to spin and weave, was instructed in household work, and often worked in the fields, at such labor as she was equal to. She remained at home until her marriage. She and her children are members of the Baptist Church. In 1881 Mr. Grady and his wife left the farm which had for so many years been their home and came to Wooster, settling on a piece of land in the edge of the city, forty and a half acres of it being within the corporation limits. To get possession of this tract he had to purchase from seventeen different owners. The place was wild and barren, but he set to work to improve it with the same untiring industry which had hitherto characterized his labors. One of the attractive features of the place is a fish pond, in the excavating and preparing of which two years were spent. This, when finished, he

stocked with carp, which are in a thriving condition, and on its surface a graceful swan floats. To-day this place is one of the most attractive homes in Wooster, and many visitors are drawn thither by its beauty and the attraction of a boat ride on the glassy surface of the lake. In the summer as many as 1,500 persons have visited it in a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady have two children: the eldest, Huldah (Mrs. Isaac H. Odenkirk), lives with her parents; Josiah M. lives on the home farm, in East Union Township. The life of Mr. Grady has been one of labor, and the honorable position he has attained is altogether due to the industry of himself and his capable wife. He has always been in favor of all projects whose object was to benefit the county, and he will long be remembered as one of its public-spirited and enterprising citizens.

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JAMES MARTIN, son of John and Ruth (Moore) Martin, was born on Martin's Creek, Holmes Co., Ohio, October 20, 1824. His grandfather, Edward Martin, was a native American, born in Essex County, N. Y., near the New Jersey line. He removed to Beaver County, Penn., where he married Catherine McCready (also native born, but of







*Jas. Martine M.D.*



Scotch descent), and after some years moved to New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., Ohio, and in 1810 to what is now Holmes County, Ohio, where he was a farmer, and owner of one of the important industries of that time—a saw-mill—which supplied the surrounding county with lumber. There they both died, leaving six children: Catherine, John, Abigail, Joseph, Naomi and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased except Joseph, who is now a resident of Keokuk County, Iowa. John, first-born son of Edward and Catherine Martin, was born in Beaver County, Penn., in 1795, and with his parents moved to Ohio. In 1823 he married Ruth, daughter of John Moore, of Salt Creek Township, Holmes County, and they located in Wayne County, near Shreve, in what is now Clinton Township, where they carried on farming until the fall of 1837, when they removed to Middletown, Holmes County, and later to Salt Creek Township, same county, where they remained until their decease. Their children were James, Joseph W., John H., Mary, Susan, Sarah, Nancy J. and Edward. Of these, Joseph W. married Sarah J. Hayes, and occupies the old homestead in Salt Creek Township, Holmes County; John H. married Mary Hayes, and resides in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County; Mary died in 1849; Susan is now Mrs. William Moore, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County;

Sarah died in 1849; Nancy J. is now Mrs. E. L. Caseveer, of Auburn, Ind., and has a family of four sons; Edward died when three years of age.

James, the eldest of this family, with the exception of six months, lived in Wayne County until he was thirteen years old, attending the common schools of both counties, also an academical institution in Fredericksburgh. He taught during winters and worked in summer time until his education was completed. Having chosen a professional life, he read medicine with Dr. Abbott and Dr. Bowen, both of Massillon, Ohio, and attended a course of anatomical and physiological lectures, as well as dissections, under Dr. Sheldon, at the medical college at Cleveland, entering Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated in 1861. During the war he was manager of the aid society, and contributed largely to the support and care of soldiers' families. In 1852 the Doctor married Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Craig, of Columbiana County, Ohio, and located at East Rochester, in that county, where he first began the practice of medicine. He removed to Fredericksburgh in the fall of 1854, where he has since practiced medicine, and is now the oldest practitioner in that portion of Wayne County—a prominent and able man. Dr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of seven children: Florence Virginia,





who died when a child; Orra, wife of John M. Kyle (they are now missionaries at Rio, Brazil, and have one child—Jessie); Jessie Fremont, now Mrs. William H. Redett, of Fredericksburgh (has had two children: Alice (deceased), and Orra); Frank H., now of Washington Territory, married to Rose Tanner (they have two children: Derwood and Frank Roderick); Mary Josephine, at home with her parents; an infant, deceased, and James Sherman, now in Cincinnati, one of the editorial staff of the *Post* of that city.

The Doctor, realizing that "knowledge is power," gave to all his children the most reliable inheritance a parent can bestow—a thorough, to some a collegiate, education. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in the Sabbath-school of which he is an earnest worker, and for the better part of thirty years has been a teacher. He is an active Republican and a Prohibitionist, but not a third party man.

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JAMES A. HAMILTON, editor of the *Crescent*, Orrville, Ohio, is a native of the State, born at New Lisbon, Columbiana County, September 10, 1841. Like so many of the descendants of the early settlers of the State, he is of Penn-

sylvania stock. His father, William M. Hamilton, who for almost half a century was a well-known resident of this part of the State, was born in Juniata County, Penn., in 1817, and died in Wooster, this county, March 8, 1875. In the vigor of young manhood he went to New Lisbon, where he learned the trade of wagon-making, at which he worked a number of years. Giving up his trade, he entered the hotel business, which he carried on at New Lisbon for many years. Here he became a leading member of the Democratic party, and for a long time was justice of the peace. In 1862 he removed to Wooster, Wayne County, and became proprietor of the United States Hotel. In this county he was also elected justice of the peace, and filled that office for nine years. He was also elected county auditor; was renominated, but defeated, again renominated and again elected. He served but four months of his last term, dying at the age of fifty-eight. A man of undoubted integrity, highly respected in his community, and of great decision of character, he was possessed of much influence, and had his life been spared he would have been one of the foremost citizens of the county. His wife, Isabella McKnight, came of a family well known among the early settlers of Columbiana County. She was born in New Lisbon September 10, 1813, the day on which Perry won his



great victory on Lake Erie, and is now living in Seville, Ohio.

James A. Hamilton, the subject of this sketch, was one of a family of nine children. At the age of fourteen he began learning the trade of a printer, at which he soon became an expert. He has worked at his trade in various cities. In 1859 he was employed in Cleveland, then in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, again in Pittsburgh, in Chicago, Memphis, and again in Chicago, whence he went to St. Louis, where he was employed on the *Missouri Republican* at the time of the strike of the printers of that city, in 1864. This caused him to return home, and in February, 1865, he enlisted in the Fifth Ohio Cavalry, and joined his regiment at Durham's Station, N. C., just before the surrender of Johnston. He was subsequently detailed as clerk at Gen. Schofield's headquarters at Raleigh, and served several months, and was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, in November, 1865. The following year he was employed in the county auditor's office at Wooster, and in the spring of 1867 resumed his trade on the *Wayne County Democrat*. Going to Cleveland, for nearly a year he worked on the *Leader*, and on the establishment of the *News* in that city accepted the position of foreman, filling it until the paper was purchased by the *Leader*. After that he worked on the

Cleveland *Herald* until his father was elected auditor of Wayne County. His previous experience in the office here became valuable, and he was appointed deputy auditor, serving two years and eight months. His experience was next brought into use in the office of W. D. Morgan, auditor of Licking County, where he served two years, and upon the re-election of his father as auditor he again became the latter's assistant until his death. Having acquired a valuable knowledge of the business of the county auditor's office, he was offered and accepted for a short time a position in the office of J. J. Sullivan, auditor of Holmes County, and upon the election of Thomas J. McElhenie as auditor of Wayne County, returned to his Wooster home, and was that gentleman's deputy for two years. Like most men brought up in the newspaper office, he again returned to his first love, and for a year and a half Mr. Hamilton became a partner in the *Leetonia Reporter* office, where he acquired a flattering reputation as an editor. Selling out his interest, he was for about two years employed in the office of the Cleveland *Plain Dealer*, whence he retired to purchase, in October, 1879, his present paper, the Orrville *Crescent*, which he has since conducted with ability and success.

Mr. Hamilton is the present treasurer





of Greene Township, and has frequently represented his party as a delegate in conventions, and while in Leetonia was nominated for auditor of Columbiana County by both Democrats and Greenbackers. Though defeated by a small majority, he ran considerably ahead of his ticket. From the inception of the Knights of Labor movement Mr. Hamilton has taken a warm interest in its affairs, and upon the issuing of a call by Local Assembly No. 1, of Philadelphia, in the fall of 1877, to all assemblies in the country to send delegates to a convention to be held at Reading, Penn., on January 1, 1878, for the purpose of uniting all local assemblies in one national body and creating a national head, he was selected as their representative by the local assembly of Leetonia, and had the honor of being the second presiding officer of the first national assembly of K. of L., and was likewise selected a member of its official board for the first year. He has also for years been a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and G. A. R., and is a past officer in all these orders.

Mr. Hamilton has been twice married, first to Hattie, daughter of Alanson Ney, of Perrysburgh, Ohio, who died, leaving one child, Harry Given. In October, 1878, Mr. Hamilton was married to his present wife, Lucy, daughter of Christian Silver, of near Wooster, Ohio, who has

borne him three children: Gail, Georgia and Jimmie, Jr. In all the relations of life Mr. Hamilton has ever maintained an honorable reputation, and for his uprightness and manly character, and many fine social qualities, is justly held in esteem by the people of Wayne County.

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**M**RS. ANNA JACKSON, widow of the late Robert R. Jackson, of Wooster Township, now resides in the city of Wooster. She was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., April 10, 1815, on the farm where her father, John Gourley, was born, and where his entire life had been passed. Her grandfather was of Irish birth, and on coming to this country settled in the county named, and at the time of the Revolution owned 300 acres of land there. He was married to Ann Rowson, a native of Scotland. John Gourley, father of Mrs. Jackson, was married to Margaret Stevenson, who bore him twelve children, of whom seven are now living, Mrs. Jackson, who was the eldest of the family, being the only one in Wayne County. In 1846 the father died, the mother in 1885, at the extreme old age of ninety-six years. The mother of Robert R. Jackson also lived to an old age, being ninety-nine years old at the time of her death.





William Stevenson, an uncle of Mrs. Jackson, was a major in the Continental army during the Revolution, and another uncle, David Gourley, was also a Revolutionary soldier.

Mrs. Jackson, the subject of this sketch, grew to womanhood on the farm where she was born, and in 1840 was united in marriage with Robert R., son of Richard Jackson, who died when his son Robert was but ten years old. All were of Pennsylvania birth. The young couple remained in Pennsylvania until 1860, when the family came to Wayne County, settling on a farm in Wooster Township, where the husband died, July 25, 1875, aged sixty years. Of their union ten children were born, viz.: Richard, living in Canton, Ohio; John, in Toledo, Ohio; William Riley, in Van Wert, Ohio; Robert Wright, in Pittsburgh, Penn.; George, in Washington, Ohio, and Anna E., in Wooster; Samuel, Obadiah, James and Margaret are deceased. Of these, Samuel removed to Clinton, Henry County, Mo., where he purchased 300 acres of land. In September, 1884, while taking home a load of lime, which was required in an elegant new house he was building, he fell and was instantly killed, leaving a wife and three children. Obadiah died of quick consumption, at Denver, Col., August 7, 1887, having been confined to his bed but four days; his remains were

interred in the cemetery at Wooster. Anna E. was born in 1859, and on April 2, 1882, was united in marriage with Robert S., son of Hugh M. Culbertson, who was born in Wooster Township in December, 1860. Since their marriage they have lived with her mother, in Wooster. They are the parents of three children: Hugh Jackson, Right Gourley and Elizabeth Anna. Mr. Culbertson is employed as letter carrier in Wooster.

Robert R. Jackson was a staunch Republican, and for three years was township trustee. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Apple Creek. He was a man of sterling integrity of character and blameless life, and he and his wife and all of the family were held in high esteem by all who knew them. Mrs. Jackson was formerly a member of the Presbyterian Church at Apple Creek, and since her removal to Wooster has become a member of the Presbyterian Church at that place.

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**R**OBERT S. MAJOR, farmer, Chester Township, is a native of Ireland, born in County Down in 1849. His parents, John and Sarah (Black) Major, had a family of eleven children, Robert S. being next to the youngest. In 1856 the family left their



native country and moved to the United States, coming direct to Wayne County, Ohio. The father was a day laborer, but bought ten acres of land, which he cultivated and made his home until his death; he died in 1882, at the age of eighty-four years. The mother is still living, and is eighty-one years of age.

Robert S. Major was reared and educated in Wayne County, attending the common schools as he had opportunity. He learned the cooper's trade in his youth, at which he worked five years. In 1883 he bought the farm where he now lives, which contains 100 acres of choice land, finely located, and he is making of it one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Major was married in 1873 to Susan McAfee, daughter of Samuel McAfee. They have a family of four children: Rosa, John, Walter and Frank. In politics Mr. Major is a Republican, but of late has affiliated with the Prohibition party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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**A** BRAHAM HERSHEY was born in Milton, Wayne Co., Ohio, November 21, 1842, and is a son of Benjamin and Susannah (Wellhouse) Hershey. His paternal grandfather, Abraham Hershey, was a native of Lebanon

County, Penn., and an early settler of Baughman Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which he resided for many years; in later life he removed to Richfield, Summit Co., Ohio, and died there. He had ten children, named as follows: Jacob, Lydia (Mrs. David Errick), John, Rebecca (Mrs. Hoover), Benjamin, Polly (Mrs. Isaac Wenger), Henry, Sarah (Mrs. Abram Young), Abram and Samuel. The paternal great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Benjamin Hershey, a native of Lebanon County, Penn., and a son of Benjamin Hershey, who was born in Switzerland in 1704, and who on account of persecutions immigrated to America in 1734, settling in Lebanon County, Penn., three brothers coming with him, one of whom settled in Canada, and the others in Pennsylvania. His son Benjamin was the father of four sons and two daughters, viz.: Barbara, Eliza, John, Christian, Jacob and Abraham.

Benjamin Hershey, father of our subject, was born in Lebanon County, Penn., October 15, 1820, and came with his parents to Baughman Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1830. He was respectively a farmer, drover and miller, and during his lifetime resided in Baughman, Milton and Chippewa Townships, Wayne County. He died in Chippewa Township, January 10, 1875, aged fifty-five years. In 1841





he married Susannah, daughter of George F. and Elizabeth (Neiswanger) Wellhouse, of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, and by her he has had seven children who grew to maturity, as follows: Abraham, George W., Simon B., William O., Mary C. (Mrs. Wesley Heneberger), Edward A. and Ella S. (Mrs. D. C. Leonard). Our subject's maternal grandfather, George F. Wellhouse, a native of Germany, born April 17, 1789, was reared in Washington County, Md., and became an early settler of Wayne County, Ohio. He was elected commissioner of Wayne County in 1829, and served six years; was in the State Senate from 1836 to 1838, and in 1838 was elected by the Legislature one of the associate judges of Wayne County. He died August 9, 1860.

Abraham Hershey, whose name heads this memoir, was reared in Wayne County, Ohio, and received a common-school education; has always been a farmer, and has resided on his present farm in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, since 1866. He was in the late War of the Rebellion, enlisting August 13, 1862, in Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bluffs, Miss., Arkansas Post, Ark., Magnolia Hill, Miss., Snaggy Point, La., the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., and Fort Blukely, Ala., and was honorably

discharged from the service October 13, 1865. He married, December 31, 1865, Clara E., daughter of John F., and Catherine (Schrantz) Sheets, of Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. Mr. Hershey is a member of the United Brethren Church. In politics he has always been a stanch Republican.

EDMIN BURNS (deceased) was born in Allegheny County, Penn., in 1808. His father, William Burns, came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1837, where he entered one tract of land, and purchased two others in Canaan Township. Edmin was reared in Allegheny County, Penn., and March 30, 1837, married Martha Jane McCreary, who was born in New York City in 1810, and reared in Washington County, Penn. They accompanied William Burns to Wayne County, and settled on the farm entered by him in Canaan Township, where they lived and died. Mr. Burns was a member first of the Whig and afterward of the Republican party, and served as justice of the peace for over twenty years. He was a man whose judgment was considered first class, being often called upon to act as administrator, and to transact various other business for his neighbors. He and his wife were among



the first seven members who organized the Jackson Presbyterian Church, and he served the same as elder for twenty-four years. He departed this life October 20, 1880, and his widow April 25, 1884, having reared six children (five of whom are still living), viz.: William, married to Sarah A. Norton, of Canaan Township; John Harvy, married to Florence C. Houghton, of Medina County, Ohio; Mary Jane, married to Hiram Falter, of Medina County; Martha Ann; Adaline, deceased in 1870; Harriet, married to John A. Cover, of Westmoreland County, Penn.

**N**ICHOLAS SCHULTZ was born in Leutershausen, Baden, Germany, August 2, 1828, and in 1849 immigrated to America, first locating in East Union Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. He learned the blacksmith's trade in his youth, at which he worked thirty years, and in 1866 bought the farm where he now lives, which contains eighty-two acres of valuable land. Mr. Schultz was married, in 1853, to Miss Catherine Schaffer, a native of Wurtemberg, Heimerdingen, Germany, born March 9, 1831. They have a family of six children: Sarah, wife of George Leiner, of Wooster Township (they have four children, Charles, John, Edward and Anna);

George, in Dalton, married to Ella Saurer; Adam, in Apple Creek, married to Mary Boydston (they have one child, Della); John, in Wooster, married to Sarah Johnston (they have one child, Clarence), and Anna and Viola, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are members of the Reformed Church; in politics he is a Democrat.

**J**OHN SNYDER. This well-known old resident of Wayne County, now living in the city of Wooster, was born in Union County, Penn., February 14, 1820. His father, Jonathan Snyder, was born in Berks County, in that State, and was married to Sarah Huffman, a native of the same county, a daughter of Nicholas Huffman, who was of German extraction, and served in the ranks of the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, and died in Dauphin County, Penn. Jonathan Snyder and wife settled in Union County, Penn., and there remained until 1838, when they came to Wayne County in search of a home in which to rear their children. They settled on a farm in Franklin Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a shoemaker by trade, as well as a farmer, and worked at that in winter. In those days shoemakers went from house to house of the people





who wanted work done, generally staying in one house until the whole family were supplied.

Jonathan Snyder was a poor man, and in Wayne County, as well as in Pennsylvania, had to work hard to make a living for himself and family, enduring many privations and hardships, in which his family shared. His wife and himself, however, were blessed with rugged constitutions, and notwithstanding their arduous labors lived to an advanced age, each dying when eighty-two years old—the mother in 1875 and the father in 1877. Both were sincere members of the Lutheran Church, and were people held in high esteem by their neighbors for their trustful, honest and industrious lives. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Catherine, now Mrs. Amos Herr, living in Knox County, Ohio; Rebecca, deceased wife of Samuel Miller; Sarah, wife of Anthony Stahl, of Knox County, Ohio, died in November, 1888; Mary, married to William Patton, and living in Wooster; John; Daniel J. and Joseph, now residents of Madison Hill, Ohio; Jonathan and Jacob, farmers in Wayne County, Ohio, and George (deceased).

The subject of this sketch passed his early years in the county where he was born, and was early made to earn his bread by the hardest kind of labor. When but nine years of age he was put

to plowing, being the oldest boy of the family. His first plow had a wooden mold-board, and the ground being rough and stony the lad had a hard time of it, especially as he had to plow barefooted, in order to save his shoes, of which he had but one pair each year. On cold mornings the barefooted boy used to warm his feet by standing in the place where the horses had lain over night. Threshing at that time was done by the horses treading out the grain and clover seed, and the boy often was compelled to ride the horse in that work from daylight until dark. This was the early life of our subject, and this was the training he received to fit him for the stern duties of life. His educational opportunities were limited, being given the opportunity of going to school only a short time each winter, but, by improving every opportunity, he succeeded in getting a rudimentary education, and by reading and close observation in his later years has made himself a well-informed man. He was eighteen years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents. Here for six years he worked on his father's farm, enduring the hardships which fell to the lot of the early settlers in this region, where homes could only be made by literally hewing them out of the dense forest with which it was then covered.

In 1844 he determined to make a home





for himself, and in that year, as the first step toward that desirable object, was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Troutman, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Keim) Troutman, and a native of Berks County, Penn. On her father's side she was of German descent, and on her mother's of English. Her mother died in Henry County, Ohio, when Mrs. Snyder was quite young, and her father later removed to Wooster Township, in this county, where he passed the last years of his life. After this marriage Mr. Snyder settled upon a partially improved farm, which they worked on shares. Accumulating some means in this way, by hard work and rigid economy, he was able in 1853 to purchase a farm in Franklin Township, which he sold to his brother Jacob in 1878. He next bought a farm in East Union Township; subsequently he purchased another in Chester Township, and still later one in the southeast part of Franklin Township, which he still owns. In 1878 he gave up farm life and removed to the city of Wooster, where he now resides in the pleasant home he owns in that place. The family of four children, which came to our subject and his estimable wife, are all living, and are located as follows: Reasin B., residing in the city of Wooster; Sarah Jane, wife of William Bentz, also in Wooster; Alice Alaura, wedded to Horace Boylson, in Lyons,

Neb., and Curtis Hoffman, living with his parents.

Mr. Snyder is a Republican in politics, but has been too busy a man to give much time to public matters, and the only office he has held has been that of supervisor of Franklin Township. He and his worthy wife are esteemed members of the Lutheran Church of Wooster. Starting in life in poverty, he has achieved a marked success, and he is to-day one of Wayne County's well-to-do citizens. This result has been obtained by a life of unremitting industry and perseverance, united with frugal habits, and to the estimable lady who has so long aided and counseled him in all his praiseworthy efforts, much of his success is due. The family is well known in Wayne County, and as early settlers and as valuable members of the community are highly respected and will long be remembered.

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THOMAS ARMSTRONG, one of the earliest pioneers of Wayne County, was born in Northumberland County, Penn., August 22, 1776, of Irish parentage. In his boyhood he accompanied his parents to Columbiana County, Ohio, where, in 1801, he married Jane Cook, a young lady descended from Scotch ancestry. She possessed a finely cultured mind, refined manners and a genial dis-



position. Her daily religious life made a deep impression on the members of her family. The good seed thus sown by a mother's love is even yet bearing its fruits in the third and fourth generations of her offspring. Mr. Armstrong and his wife were living in Columbiana County, Ohio, at the breaking out of the War of 1812. After Hull's surrender he volunteered, and was commissioned captain, serving under Gen. Buell. At the close of the war he returned to his home, and in the spring of 1815 with his family moved to Wayne County, settling on Clear Creek, four miles north of Wooster, in Wayne Township.

In the spring of 1817 he removed to a farm seven and a half miles north of Wooster, on the Lodi road, in that part of Wayne Township which was in 1819 organized as a separate township and named Canaan. This farm is now the property of Thomas Armstrong, one of his grandsons. Mr. Armstrong was of iron nerve and indomitable courage, over six feet in height, large boned and of great physical strength. He had a genial disposition, was generous and kind-hearted, and was loved by all for his many virtues. The neighbor in need who called upon him was never sent away empty-handed. He was considerate of young men who were struggling with the privations of the times for a foothold in life. Many, now old men, remember with gratitude the

assistance rendered just when assistance was most needed. He was a positive man. None could be mistaken as to which side he took on any question that agitated the public mind or affected the interests of the community in which he lived. He was a Whig in politics, and always active in political circles. He took a very active part in the campaign of 1840. In his family he was a kind husband and an indulgent parent. He trained his children to industry and economy, and cultivated in them habits of sobriety, honesty, integrity and virtue. He was among the foremost in securing educational privileges for his family and the neighborhood. His place at church was never vacant without substantial reason. Nor was his purse closed when pecuniary aid was required. The influence of this man and of others, his neighbors, men like himself, is still felt in the neighborhood in which they lived. It has been remarked by observers that the thrift, the industry, the morality and intelligence of the Armstrong neighborhood is not surpassed in any other locality in the county. Truly the memory of such men is blessed.

Mr. Armstrong was the first justice of the peace in Wayne Township, and married the first couple in the township. When he moved to Canaan Township there were but three families within a radius of three or four miles. James





Rose, a Scotchman and a nobleman, lived on the west, James Glass on the south and William Ewing about two miles north. The first school-house in the township was built on the farm of James Rose, by the early settlers. It was of the primitive style, about sixteen feet square, with puncheon floor, clapboard door and roof, greased paper for windows, and a large fire-place occupying nearly the whole side of the room. The chimney was made of clay and sticks, and was on the outside of the building. The seats were benches of split logs, and the writing desks were of split slabs. The first teacher was James Buchanan, a Scotchman, who afterward lived and died near Dalton. The pioneer wife and mother had many hardships to endure, and toils and perils to undergo. Their small cabins had no floors but puncheons, and seldom a door except a quilt, which was poor protection against the prowling savages and the wild animals. Bears and wolves made night hideous with their howling, but the brave mother quieted her children, smothering her own fears to reassure her family. The mother was the provident overseer of the little home; kind and hospitable, no one ever left her home hungry if she had the food to give them. Strangers and neighbors were alike welcome. Wolves and bears were the source of great annoyance to the early settlers on account of

their thievish propensities, often coming to the pen and killing a hog. But they sometimes paid for the theft with their lives, the settlers tracking them with the stolen property and making their life the ransom.

Mr. Armstrong died March 2, 1842, aged sixty-six years, and his wife April 14, 1856. Both were buried in the Wayne church-yard. This church Mr. Armstrong helped to build in 1840, and he was the first person buried in the church-yard adjoining. He and his wife had a family of six sons and four daughters, the sons ranging from six feet to six feet four inches in height, and the daughters being large, robust women. Following is their record:

William, the eldest son, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 15, 1802. His early life was spent amid the privations of a forest home. He was thus deprived of the early advantages of schools, but made up the deficiency in a later period of youth. He was fairly well educated, and a steady friend of the people's schools. When the primitive school-houses were passing away, the best school-house in the township was built on his farm, he generously giving the lot for the purpose. When funds failed to complete it, as he was desirous it should be finished, he generously stepped forward and furnished what was required from his



own resources. The Presbyterian congregation of Wayne are indebted largely to his efforts for their first church building. He was untiring in his efforts to secure funds for the work, and gave without compensation much of his valuable time in superintending the construction until it was finished, and thus was laid the foundation for the large and influential society, who have lately erected on the site of the old building a new church, fully up to the requirements of the times. He married Mary Rose, by whom he had six children. She died in 1851, and he then married Catherine McPherson, by whom he had two children. He was a farmer, and accumulated a large landed estate. His children nearly all reside in the neighborhood of the old homestead, on farms acquired by the father's aid. These farms are provided with valuable farm buildings. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church all his long life, taking a great interest in all religious and educational matters. He died January 30, 1887, respected and honored by all who were acquainted with him.

John was born January 19, 1804. In 1828, times being hard, William and John went to McKeesport, Penn., to work on a canal. William had his foot hurt, and was obliged to return home, and after his return John was taken sick with a fever, and died and was buried before his

father could get to him, it taking ten days for a letter to reach his home.

Thomas was born February 21, 1806. He learned the tanner's trade under David Robison, of Wooster, and afterward went to Michigan, but returned to Wayne, and died near Burbank in 1856. He married Nancy Thomas, and they had a large family, only two of whom are living. David and William Vincent, his sons, each served a full term of three years in the Union army during the Civil War.

Harrison was born November 25, 1810. He studied with Dr. Day, and located at Hayesville, where he built up a good practice, and died in the prime of life. He married Margaret Cox. Their children all reside in the vicinity of Hayesville. Their eldest son, Thomas, died after he had been promoted to a lieutenantcy, of camp fever, at Vicksburg, during the siege of that place. Jared, another son, served under Gen. Sherman on his march from Atlanta to Savannah.

Eliza was born August 14, 1813, married J. P. Smurr, and they had three children: Elinor, Thomas A. and Jennie. Of these, Elinor married J. G. Hower, and lived in Cleveland; Thomas A. is an eminent physician, living in Ottawa, Ill., and Jennie married John Blocker, and is living in Wooster. Mr. and Mrs. Smurr lived for a time in Wooster, then moved to Canaan Township, and finally to Wayne





Township, where they both died within a few months of each other. They were both members of Wayne Presbyterian Church, and led a consistent Christian life.

Julia Ann and Hannah Maria, twin sisters, were born October 15, 1816. Julia Ann married Neal McCoy, and died leaving two children, one of whom, James A., is living. Hannah Maria married John McCoy, who died, and she afterward married Robert Taggart. They moved to Keokuk, Iowa, where her husband died and she still lives. She has four children.

David was born December 13, 1818. His early youth was devoted to study, mixed with short intervals of farm life. In person he was tall and well formed, possessing an easy address and a commanding presence. His intellectual powers were of the highest order. His moral qualities forbade his stooping to any pursuit or amusement that was gross or degrading. With a high sense of honor, he yielded to others what was due them, and secured for himself the respect and esteem of all who knew him. At school he was respectful to his teachers and thorough in all his attainments. He was a universal favorite among his schoolmates, and none knew him but to love him. He studied medicine with his brother at Hayesville, finished his course at Cincinnati, and became an eminent physician. He acquired a large and lucrative practice during the

few years that he lived, an ornament to the medical profession. He married Matilda Scott, of Hayesville, who died a short time after their marriage, he surviving her but a few years.

Jane was born June 18, 1820, and married Francis McConnel. She left a family of five children, three of whom are living.

Calvin, the only representative of the family now in Wayne County, was born June 3, 1826, and September 5, 1847, married Mary McKee. They have two sons and two daughters.

Thus we have briefly sketched the lives of the family of Thomas Armstrong, who were worthy children of a most worthy father and mother.

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CALVIN ARMSTRONG, farmer, Wayne Township, is prominent among the most intelligent and well-to-do farmers of Wayne County. He was born in Canaan Township, June 3, 1826, the youngest of ten children of Thomas and Jane (Cook) Armstrong. His early life was spent on his father's farm in Wayne Township, receiving his education in the common schools. He chose the occupation of his father, and has been successful in his calling, having from his youth had habits of industry and thrift. In all his undertakings he has





been assisted by his faithful wife, and their home is now one of the pleasantest in the township, where hospitality abounds and good cheer and freedom reign. Mr. Armstrong has always taken an interest in politics, and was present at Buffalo when the Free Soil and Abolition party was organized. He has held many public positions of trust, which he has filled with the faithfulness characteristic of the man. Public spirited and generous, he has always been foremost in every good work, and was one of the organizers of the Children's Home of Wayne County, and served as a trustee of the home six years.

Mr. Armstrong was married September 5, 1847, to Mary McKee, of Congress Township, and they have four children: Thomas A., David C., Jennie A. and Ida M. Of late years Mr. Armstrong has cast his suffrage independent of party ties. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

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**M**RS. CATHERINE FEEMAN, of the city of Wooster, is a native of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, born December 30, 1846. Her father, George Harman, was a native of Pennsylvania, and while still a young man he came to this county, where he married Elizabeth Keister, also born in

the Keystone State. Of their union eleven children were born, Mrs. Susanna Hummer and our subject being the only ones now residing in Wayne County. In 1855 Mrs. Harman passed to her long last sleep, and the husband and father followed her to the grave in 1865. Both were well known and highly respected in the county, and more especially among the early settlers, with whom they were numbered. He had been a farmer by occupation, and both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Our subject was truly a pioneer's child, born in a log cabin, and made familiar with the hardships and trials of a pioneer's life, which were by them accepted as a matter of course. Upon reaching womanhood she was united in marriage with John Feeman, who had come here from Pennsylvania with his parents when a boy. All this family were born in Pennsylvania. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and when a boy John helped him; later, however, he learned the trade of a stone-cutter. In those days the shoemaking was done by the knight of the last going from house to house, wherever he was wanted, staying usually in one house until the whole family were shod. It was while on one of these trips with his father that John Feeman made the acquaintance of his future wife. Both families attended the same church, and,



the acquaintance ripening into love, the young people were in due time married—May 31, 1838. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Feeman removed to Wooster, where he had found work at the trade of stone-cutting, which he had mastered in the meanwhile. This trade he followed until the angel of death claimed him, in 1858, in the prime of a vigorous manhood, at the age of forty-one years. He fell a victim to that dread disease, consumption. John Feeman was a good man, and was very highly esteemed. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church, and an earnest worker both in the church and in the Sabbath-school, and was for years superintendent of the latter. For fifteen years he gratuitously took charge of the church building. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. He began life poor in this world's goods, but full of determination to make for himself an honorable place in the community, and to create for himself and family a comfortable home, and gain the good-will and esteem of his fellow-men. In these laudable objects he succeeded, and his widow and children were not the only ones who mourned his loss, cut off, as he was, in the zenith of his usefulness.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Feeman the following eight children were born: Levi, who was a Union soldier, was wounded at Jacksonville, Miss., and died

at Vicksburg, Miss., where he was buried; Eliza, wife of George W. Clark, of Kansas City, Mo.; William, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Ashtabula, Ohio; Sarah, living with her mother; Mary, deceased wife of Harvey Schwartz, of Wooster; John, Matilda and an unnamed infant are also deceased. After the death of her husband Mrs. Feeman tried in every way to keep her children together, no labor being too hard or sacrifice too great, if only she might keep the home and her family about her. But death came, and marriage ties scattered the once happy family. For a number of years Mrs. Feeman and her daughter Sarah have lived together at the old homestead on Pittsburgh Avenue. The mother is a member of the Lutheran Church, and the daughter of the Baptist Church. The whole family stand high in the community, and are greatly respected by all who know them.

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**F**REDERICK HOEGNER was born October 4, 1818, in Berks County, Penn., a son of John William Hoegner, one of the early settlers of Congress Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. The father of our subject was born and reared in Germany, and in 1814 he immigrated to the United States, locating first in Philadelphia, Penn., and afterward in







Respectfully Yours  
E. S. Drivell



Berks County, same State. June 15, 1838, he and his family (including Frederick) came west to Wayne County, Ohio, settling in Congress Township, where he bought a farm of Daniel Yarnall, and here reared his nine children, five of whom are now living. He died in 1858, aged seventy-eight years.

Frederick Hoegner, whose name heads this sketch, was married February 22, 1848, to Miss Sarah, daughter of George Emrich, who was a settler of Wayne County, of much earlier date than the Hoegners, and to this union were born four children, all living: William F., Lewis P., Lovina and Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Hoegner have long been members of the Lutheran Church; in politics he is a staunch Republican. Their excellent farm of 260 acres of highly improved land is the result of assiduous and honest toil, and good management on the part of both.

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JUDGE EDWARD S. DOWELL. At the age of thirty-two there died, B. C. 323, the master of an empire—conquered by himself, covering two and a half million square miles—in the full vigor of his faculties, at the time his brain was teeming with magnificent schemes of assimilating the populations of Europe and Asia, and of re-making man

after his own image, by stamping the nature of Alexander on the mind and feelings of the world. The type of his career is best illustrated by one incident which long since matured into a familiar proverb. During his invasion of Asia, and upon his arrival at Górdium, he was seized by a powerful superstition, which, for a time, overcame him and arrested his movements. Here lived Gordius, a husbandman, but afterward king of Phrygia, remarkable for tying a knot of cords on which the Empire of Asia depended, and, to him who could unravel it, its mighty and undisputed scepter belonged. After fruitlessly manipulating and seeking vainly to master its complexity by the tact and dexterity of his hand, with his sword he impatiently cut it, whereupon, the mystery having been solved, the multitude rejoiced and applauded, and soon by valorous deeds he verified the forecast of the oracle. Hence, in action and resolution the young men of history have exhibited their ability, as well as their judgment, capacity and vigor to combat and annihilate apparently hopeless perplexities by cutting Gordian knots and proving themselves equal to, and the masters of, great emergencies.

A recent writer groups together five names of historic significance: Goethe in poetry, Newton in science, Bacon in philosophy, Columbus in discovery, Watt in





mechanics, and says substantially, that the greatest works of Goethe were conceived and partly executed when he was a young man. Newton discovered the most universal of all natural laws, the law of gravitation, before he was twenty-five. Bacon had "taken all knowledge for his province," and was devising new, and doubting old methods, before a beard had yet appeared on his chin. The conceptions of Columbus originated in the thoughts and studies of his younger years, and Watt had invented the steam engine before he was thirty. Hamlet was written when the author was but thirty-six, and Grant was commander of one of the largest armies of the world when he was forty. The history of the human intellect will confirm the assertion that the power in which great natures culminate, which fuses force and insight in one executive intelligence, matures between thirty-five and fifty. Subsequent achievements organize themselves around the younger conceptions. Stepping from the line of the earlier to the middle life, the subject of this sketch was exalted to the judiciary of his State.

Hon. Edward S. Dowell was born in Middletown, Holmes Co., Ohio, March 28, 1847—the month of the return of the sun, the awakening of the world, and when the scent of the soil is in the air. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Pfouts)

Dowell, were also natives of Holmes County, whither, from Maryland, in 1820, the paternal grandfather removed, and where he settled and reared his family. He was an able, devout and pious minister of the Methodist Church, and was married to Elizabeth Harrold, a lady of most estimable virtues and sincere piety, and who, after the death of her husband, continued the exercise of an active and earnest spiritual control over the family, permitting no stone to be removed or shaken in the altar of prayer, around which the home group had so often knelt in worship.

Thomas Dowell, the father of the subject of this sketch, pursued the vocation of a carpenter, and was united in marriage with Miss Mary Pfouts in 1845. Four children were the result of this union, two of whom, in infancy, passed to the glory of the coming world, and speak not to us. In 1852, and when Judge Dowell was but five years old, his parents went to California, going by way of the Isthmus of Panama. There being, at that time, no inter-oceanic railway communication, the mode of transit was of a more primitive character, and the youthful hero of this narrative was borne along the banks of the Chagres and the tropical jungles of the Isthmus on the shoulders of an escort. During his passage across this narrowed spine of the two continents,





as a result of exposure to the contagious poisons of that section, he suffered from an attack of measles, which, without the aid of saffron, ginger, spearmint, or other aromatics, disappeared and made no sign. But a sadder and more painful visitation was in reservation for the adventurous and ambitious family. After taking apartments on the steamer for their destination, the mother of Judge Dowell, having contracted that malignant disease, the Panama fever, after a brief illness passed away, no more to look upon the freshening sea, or sport upon its breast, but in its depths, like a drop of rain, to fall without the memory of a grave. As if a triple fate hung over the little circle so sadly torn and rent, upon their arrival at San Francisco, Alice, the only daughter, sank to the "dreamless sleep that lulls the dead, where all have gone and all must go." Of the happy and harmonious quartette that, with full hopes and anticipations, went in quest of gold, like the Argonauts who sailed with Jason in search of the Golden Fleece, now none were left but the father and son. The first labor in which they engaged was cutting, making and bailing hay for shipment, on the Montezuma Hills, in Solano County, a region well adapted to stock-raising, and especially for agriculture, for which its climate and soil were peculiarly adapted. It was originally noted for its luxuriant

growth of wild oats. After having a large quantity of the grasses cured and prepared for shipment, it was destroyed by fire, and their residence, likewise, perished in the flames. This sudden and temporary frown and reverse of fortune diverted the attention and industry of the father in a different direction. He began work in the mines of Nevada City, where gold at that time was the chief product. In this enterprise he met with gratifying success, but indications of declining health made it prudent for him to abandon further work in the mines, when he returned to Montezuma Hills, and went to raising sheep. During his residence in Nevada City, his son, Edward, was enjoying, at Marysville, some of the first reflective hours of life and study; but when he returned to Solano County the youthful student accompanied him. Here they remained for four years. A more serious and alarming state of health, on the part of Mr. Dowell, made it advisable for him to return to his home in Ohio, which he did in 1859, bringing his son with him. He died in August, 1860, at his home in Paint Township, Holmes Co., Ohio. In his experiments and speculations in sheep husbandry, in California, that "wonderful piece of the world," the Fates had been propitious, as if to compensate him for the adverse winds that had blown against his hand of toil. He accumulated money



rapidly, and made, as he thought, judicious investments of it in the interest of his son. After the death of Thomas Dowell, it became necessary to obtain the money through the courts, and a decree was rendered in favor of the son, to the amount of \$34,000, when it was discovered that the title to the land on which the mortgage was placed was defective. The catastrophe which followed entailed an almost penniless condition upon Mr. Dowell.

After his mixed, varying and checkered experience in the Golden State, returning to the rich valleys and fertile hills of his native State and county, he at once entered the common schools, and at the age of sixteen became a student at Berlin Academy, in Holmes County, and afterward at Fredericksburgh, in Wayne County. It is the old story so often told and written, and that must be applied to him, of teaching in the winter to procure funds to defray academic or collegiate expenses in summer. It has been given to the cold type a thousand times in regard to the self-taught, self-educated man, in the legal profession and out of it, from the days of the first law-giver to those of Chief-Justice Marshall. In 1867 he put a period upon his educational pursuits, and having fixed upon the law as his profession, he entered the office of Critchfield & Uhl, at Millersburgh, Holmes Co.,

Ohio, where he remained for two years, when he determined upon going to California again to try, if possible, to make further investigations in relation to the property out of which he had been most palpably defrauded. Foiled and disappointed in this adventure, he returned to Ohio, and commenced anew and vigorously his studies in the office of Lyman R. Critchfield, who in the meantime had gone to Wooster. His course of legal reading was completed here, which eminently fitted him to unravel the gnarled and knotty problems, the Gordian knots, which fall to the lot of the disciples of Coke and Littleton. In 1869, at the December term of the supreme court of the State of Ohio, he was admitted to the bar, and without any delay opened an office in the old court-house in Wooster, Ohio. In 1873 he formed a partnership in the practice with the late Hon. John K. McBride. In 1874 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Wayne County, and re-elected two years thereafter. In the autumn of 1887 he was elected judge of the common pleas court for the third subdivision of the Sixth Judicial District, embracing the counties of Wayne, Holmes and Coshoc-ton, and was installed in office on February 9, 1888.

He was married February 9, 1888, the day on which he was clothed with the judicial ermine, a happy coincidence,





wherein Cupid was enthroned as first to be crowned after the dignity of the judgeship was conferred. The fortunate lady to whom the bias of the court was evident was Miss Rolla Z. Riffil, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Taylor) Riffil, and who is a native Wayne Countian, to the manner born. On December 14, 1888, a son was born to Judge and Mrs. Dowell, whom they have named, after his father and grandfather, Edward Samnel Dowell.

Judge Dowell became a member of the Ancient Order of Free Masons in 1878, joining Ebenezer Lodge, Wooster, Ohio, and December 4, of the same year, a Master Mason, and a Royal Arch Mason in 1879. In 1880 he was added to the membership of Wooster Council of Royal and Select Masters, and in 1881 took the Templar degrees at Massillon, and is a member of Massillon Commandery No. 4. He is likewise a member of the commandery recently established in Wooster. He is a charter member of Wooster Council No. 13, Royal Arcanum, organized September 5, 1877, and assisted materially in preparing, correcting, etc., the by-laws of the order. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Uncas Tribe No. 57, instituted May 20, 1871, having passed through all the chairs of the lodge, and has been for years and now is pastsachem. In 1888 he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

Wooster Lodge No. 42, chartered June 21, 1845.

The career of Judge Dowell, as will be seen, in its earlier features, at least, is invested with many of the sorry experiences of life, as well as some of the perfumes of its romance. The loss of father, mother and sister at his tender age was a sad and irreparable one. The additional misfortune which swept away the capital of his father, and to which he was the only and rightful heir, looked like the cruelty and savagery of fate. He was left a child, parentless and alone in the world, so far as those who were closest and nearest to him in nature were concerned. But he had friends, true ones, of kindred and blood. The battle of life he had, however, to fight for himself. His home was a pleasant one, a residence in the country, in the midst of an industrious and frugal people, with the same habits and generally the same employments. An atmosphere of religion pervaded it. It matters little on what floor above the street or of what size in the fields the domestic hearth is, provided it be the asylum of love, integrity and those family affections which it perpetuates. In this circle is predestined the child, and his very soul is molded from the impressions which he remembers. The glance of a mother's eye is a part of our soul, which penetrates into us through our own eyes. Where is the per-



son who, when he sees or remembers that glance, in imagination or a dream, does not feel something not wholly of the earth descend into his thoughts, which intensifies their serenity and tranquilizes agitation. The battle being left to him, he fought it to an issue, and successfully. In private life he is a courteous, affable, well-bred gentleman, and marked in all contacts with him by the strictest integrity and action. His temper is placid and usually tranquil, though liable, at times, to be ruffled, when the resistance is measured in proportion to the exigency, though he possesses an inborn, kindly joyousness of nature. He is cautious in disposition, and somewhat sensitive; but this is perfectly compatible with courage, strength and mental firmness. Coleridge, in speaking of this mental quality, says: "Sensitiveness is not only a characteristic feature of, but may be deemed a counterpart of, genius." There "must be delicacy with firmness," writes Ruskin. The white skin of Homer's Atrides would have felt a bent rose-leaf, yet subdue its feeling in the glow of battle, and it would behave like iron. He is characterized by a stern independence, has great intelligence and decision of character, prefers to deal with facts and principles, has little use for theories, unless they explain their own phenomena, and that without contradicting themselves, and when, upon

reflection and investigation, he has arrived at a conclusion, it would be as useless to undertake to change the result as to attempt to remove a stone from one of the pyramids.

In politics he is a Democrat, an active and capable defender of the principles of his party, and upon the public platform their conspicuous and eloquent champion. As a lawyer he rapidly grew and strengthened in his practice, and soon achieved popularity in the courts and reputation as an advocate. He prosecuted unremittingly the study of his books, "scorning delights and living laborious days," believing that no sphere of life or refinement of society was desirable which could not be connected with toil. He was honest, exacting sincerity from his clients, conscientious and diligent in his conduct of causes on trial, courteous to adverse counsel, circumspect to the court, logical, clear, compact and convincing to the jury; and in his discussion and analysis of questions of law to the court, he was sound, forcible and cogent, not aiming to be dazzling or brilliant, or seeking to flounce propositions in meretricious ornamentation. His remarkable success in his chosen profession demonstrates that he did not mistake his path, or miscalculate his own fitness for the law. As a judge he has acquired a just and enviable popularity, second only to the esteem in which





he is held as a citizen and man. He possesses that skillful generalization which readily seizes upon the strong points of a subject; that happy condensation of thought which, at once, extracts the substance of an argument, and that ingenuous foresight and comprehension which immediately grasps the angularities of the most intricate legal problems. Whether he be enunciating a principle of law or exploding a sophism, or gently, and with skill and courtesy, recalling a wandering disputant to the point at issue, perpetrating a joke, or launching an epigram, or charging a jury, he not only makes manner subservient to matter, but subdues that manner to an equable and delightful speech, transposed to a pleasant and fluent conversation, free from the methodical stiffness of modern Oxonian tribunes, and exempt from the prosaic drawlings of the conscript fathers, or the bench of a century gone.

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JACOB SHELLEY, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Houser) Shelly, both natives of Pennsylvania, was born on the farm he now owns, in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, January 15, 1843. Michael Shelly was born in Cumberland County, Penn., in 1811, and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1828, with his

parents, Jacob and Eliza Shelly, who purchased 160 acres of land in Plain Township. Jacob Shelly, the grandfather of our subject, was a hard-working, industrious man, and by his industry and perseverance accumulated about 900 acres of land. He never aspired to political honors, and never held any offices. He died in 1853, a member of the Mennonite Church. Several of his children grew to be men and women, but all are now dead except Elizabeth, wife of John Yocum, of Mercer County, Ohio, and Michael.

Michael Shelly was married in 1835 to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Houser, and located on 160 acres of land in Plain Township, which is now owned by his son Jacob. Here he lived for many years, and then purchased the farm he now occupies, in another portion of Plain Township. He is well and favorably known, and at one time owned nearly 800 acres of land. He has always been a member of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in township affairs. Michael Shelly has reared ten children to be men and women, viz.: Christian, in Plain Township, Wayne County; Michael, deceased; Jacob, on the home farm; Peter, in Ashland County; Joseph, in Franklin Township, Wayne County; John, in Plain Township, Wayne County; Eliza, wife of David Mellinger, of Jefferson, Wayne County; Sarah, wife of Robert McAfee,





in Wooster, Ohio; Mary, wife of William McQuigg, in Plain Township, Wayne County, and Susan, wife of James Alexander, also in Plain Township.

Of these, Jacob attended the township schools until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving three years. In 1866 he married Miss Harriet, daughter of Alex. Culberson, an early settler of Wayne County, who afterward moved to Ashland County, Ohio. By this union have been born three children: Charles C., Ella T. and Jennie V. Mr. Shelly is prominently identified with the Republican party, and has held several township offices; at the present time he is serving as trustee. He is a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F., and of Gibson Post, No. 133, G. A. R. He and his family are members of the Plain Lutheran Church, of which he has been deacon.

Alex. Culberson, the father-in-law of Jacob Shelly, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., and came in 1814 to Wayne County, Ohio, where he purchased a tract of land in Plain Township, near Millbrook. Here he lived for several years, and finally moved to Ashland County, Ohio, where he died in 1869. He was twice married, and by the first wife he had two children: Lucretia Nelson, in Illinois, and Abraham, in Mansfield, Ohio.

His second wife was Nancy Beard, by whom he had two children: Harriet, wife of Jacob Shelly; Margaret, wife of J. H. Willhour, of Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Culberson was a Republican in politics, and held several township offices.

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**J** A. BONEWITZ is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Franks) Bonewitz, natives of Fayette County, Penn. About 1832 they came to Wayne County, Ohio, and purchased the farm where their son, J. A., now lives. The father was a shoemaker by trade but after coming to Wayne County he gave his attention entirely to farming, and at his death left an estate of 160 acres of land. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, also a leader in the Democratic party. He died in 1868, and his widow in 1885. They reared nine children, one of whom, M. V., died at the age of thirty-nine years. Those living are F. J., in Van Wert, Ohio; H. W., in Huntington County, Ind.; Sarah J., wife of O. E. Jameson, of Nebraska; D. R., in Van Wert, Ohio; Julia G., wife of Abraham Eymon, of Portland, Ind.; Elizabeth Ann, wife of John R. Kling, of Sherman County, Kas.; Martha C., wife of Wilson Richwine, of East Union Township, Wayne County, and the subject of this memoir, who was



born on the homestead, December 4, 1843. He attended the township schools, and has always remained on the homestead in East Union Township, where he follows agricultural pursuits. In 1876 he married Miss Nancy J., daughter of Robert Cook, of East Union Township, and by this union they have had six children: Mary Belle (deceased), Anna Lee, Lula Idella, Jennie C., and Robert C. and Ethel J., infant twins. Mr. Bonewitz and family attend the Presbyterian Church; he is a member of the Democratic party.

**B**ENJAMIN DOUGLASS was born in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, August 13, 1838, and is next to the youngest son and child of James and Elizabeth (Wallace) Douglass, and on both the paternal and maternal sides he is of Scotch ancestry. His mother crossed the ocean at the age of ten. His father was a large, stout, muscular man, full of strength and courage, and was by occupation a successful farmer. Mr. Douglass remained with him upon the farm until he was twenty years old, in the meantime attending the village school at Jefferson, five miles west of Wooster. His first teacher was George Phillips, subsequently a quite prominent Methodist minister and writer of religious books.

For five years he was a pupil of the late Judge Joseph H. Downing. Later he attended Vermillion Institute, at Hayesville, Ashland County, for about three years. That place of learning was then under the presidency and management of Dr. Sanders Diefendorf, a distinguished educator and Presbyterian divine, under whose superintendency it enjoyed signal prosperity. For a number of years it bore the title of "the Ohio Annex" to Canonsburgh (Penn.) College, as its contributions of students to that flourishing institution were copious and constant. Three and four hundred students were in regular attendance, and among those who were in his classes were Hon. Joseph Reed (for many years a member of the Supreme Court of Iowa, now a member of Congress from the Council Bluffs district); the Hons. John Bruce and John Glenn (both of whom are United States district judges, the former in Alabama, with residence at Montgomery, and the latter in Illinois, with residence at Mommouth); Robert Quincy Beer, of Ashland (who became a member of the publishing house of Wilson, Hinkle & Co., now Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., of Cincinnati); Frank Wise and L. Tannahill (who entered the Confederate service from Missouri, and won the star of "brigadiers").

After leaving the institute Mr. Douglass commenced the study of law with





Messrs. William M. Orr and John Irvine, with whom he remained a year, when he went to the Cleveland Law College, from which he graduated in 1861, in the meantime having been admitted to the bar by the supreme court at Columbus, Ohio.

He was married the same year to Miss Nercissa L. Newkirk, of Big Prairie, Ohio, a graduate of Urbana Seminary, Ohio, and has two daughters, Mabel and Dail, the former graduating from the University of Wooster, in the class of 1887, the latter from the high school of Wooster, in the class of 1888, and is now a student in the Wooster University. He began the practice of law during this year, having formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, the late Joseph H. Downing.

The threatened war-cloud was then bursting upon the country, and the law office of the firm was soon converted into a recruiting station, Mr. Downing administering the oath to the soldiers as fast as they were recruited. Mr. Douglass wrote the first call that was made for volunteers in the county, and that call, in his handwriting, was framed by his friend, the late R. B. Spink, and now hangs in the hall of Given Post, G. A. R., at Wooster. In the fall of 1862 Mr. Downing enlisted in the military service, and, as it was next to impossible to conduct business in the courts, on account of witnesses

and lawyers being in the army, the law office was, therefore, abandoned, and Mr. Douglass, until the close of the war, was principally engaged in recruiting work. He made patriotic, thrilling speeches in almost every church and school-house in the county, and was largely instrumental in recruiting many companies. For reasons possibly best known to himself, he never returned to the practice of the law, although the writer of this sketch is of the opinion that, had he done so, he would have stood at the front of the bar, the peer of McSweeney, Critchfield, Rex, or Hemphill. He seemed, however, to dislike the evasions, deceits, tergiversations, combats and collisions of the practice.

In 1868 Mr. Douglass went to the Pacific coast, by invitation of the National Executive Republican Committee, and made twenty-five speeches for Grant and Colfax, in Nevada and California. He made the first speech advocating the Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment delivered in Nevada, at the opera house in Carson City, presided over by Gov. Blaisdell, and it was the first State in the Union to ratify the amendment. On his return he was publicly requested by the citizens of Wooster to deliver an address, which he did, under the title of "A Trip Across the Continent," which was afterward pre-



sented in Illinois and other points in the West. He went the overland route, by rail to Benton, one hundred miles west of Cheyenne, Wyo., and thence by Concord coach across the Rocky Mountains, a distance of 400 miles, to Salt Lake City; thence by stage to Austin, and thence across the great alkali desert to Reno, and thence to Virginia City, his destination, traveling in coaches 1,000 miles, among hostile Indians, white bandits, and other desperate characters. He paused for a week in the City of the Saints, inspecting the principal points of interest, there being then but 500 Gentiles within its borders, presenting a paradox in the fact that the Gentiles were principally Jews. He bathed his feet in the rock-born Jordan, and floated in the lake of salt. He walked amid the stones and foundations of the temple; attended worship with the apostles in the tabernacle; interviewed President Brigham Young within his gates and palaces, and sent to the *New York Times* and other Eastern papers the results of his *tele-a-tele* with the eagle-nosed champion wife-owner of the Western Hemisphere. Returning from his trip by steamer, and after arriving in New York City, he called upon and presented letters of introduction to Hon. Henry J. Raymond, editor and proprietor of the *New York Times*. So favorably impressed was Mr. Raymond with Mr.

Douglass that he was solicited to go to Old Mexico in the capacity of correspondent for the *Times*, which proposition Mr. Douglass was favorably considering when Mr. Raymond suddenly died.

As a part of his literary labors Mr. Douglass wrote and published in 1878 at Indianapolis the history of Wayne County, Ohio, a book of nearly 900 pages, and the best county history in the State. In 1879 he completed for the publishers a work entitled the "Oddities of Colonial Legislation," writing and adding thereto about 300 pages for John B. Dillon, historian, of Indiana, who died in the midst of his editorial labors. He has written, and now has ready for publication, a history of the Grand Army of the Republic, a book of 550 pages. Mr. Douglass did not confine himself to history and prose writing, but occasionally sang with the muses, and he has written poetry that compares favorably with that of Whittier, Dr. Holmes or Moore. The following is a specimen, written for the *Chronicle* while he was at Washington, and it indicates that lofty sentiment found in all his verses:

I FLY, O FATHER, TO THY BREAST.

I fly, O Father, to Thy breast,  
In these dark hours to Thee I turn;  
I feel in Thee alone is rest,  
In Thee the peace for which I yearn.

These wintry hours are dense with glooms,  
They press and pierce my sorrowing heart:  
I sigh for joys, unfading blooms,  
I can not find from Thee apart.





I cloy amidst these festive throngs,  
 This whirling trance of life and things,  
 This sound of feet, these scenes and songs,  
 The viol and its vibrant strings.

This is the winter of the lands,  
 Ah, me! the winter of my soul;  
 I feel, yet not with conscious hands,  
 Within my heart its wild control.

I gaze upon its prostrate snows,  
 Now snlled by the wordling's feet,  
 Its birdless trees in bare repose,  
 Its dead parterres so summer-sweet.

I sadden in these aisles of palms,  
 A blest retreat for nymphs and fawns;  
 I walk possessed of stolid calms,  
 Amid these mute and sleeping lawns.

I see thy hand, O Father, here,  
 I feel the ruin of Thy breath;  
 But then, to Thee, Thy flowers are dear—  
 Thy greatest blessing is in death.

Again Thou'lt come in tenderer mood,  
 And all this sere world, dead and dumb,  
 Will rise and shout from lawn to wood,  
 For, with a loving smile Thou'lt come.

Then at thy shrine again I'll kneel,  
 As I have prayed before and knelt;  
 Then voice my worship in Thine ear,  
 And know Thy pleasure here is felt.

In 1882 he was appointed to a position in the Government service, in the post-master-general's office, and was there three years. While in Washington City he published in the *Daily Star* a history of the colonial postal service, and wrote many interesting letters, which were published in the *Wooster Republican* and other papers. His first contributions of literary pretensions were to the "Waverly Magazine" a sort of a type-trap for

verdant prose dabsters and half-feathered songsters. He has written articles acceptable to such magazines as the "Galaxy," in the day of its prosperity. He was a regular correspondent for years of "Leisure Hours," and before the consolidation, a frequent correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial and Gazette*, which latter published, during the concluding days of the war, his letters advocating manhood suffrage, which were widely copied and extensively circulated. In politics Mr. Douglass is a Republican, but the writer knows him to be a conservative one. He has always been active in local campaigns, and was a candidate of his party for county auditor in 1864, but, with the balance of the county ticket, was defeated at the election, the county then being strongly Democratic. While at Washington, that whirlpool of vices and vanities, he became thoroughly disgusted with politics and politicians, believing that one party can manage the affairs of Government about as well as the other, as both are equally honest and patriotic.

Mr. Douglass is a fine specimen of manhood, six feet three inches high, and weighs over two hundred pounds. He is a scholarly, entertaining gentleman, a true friend and congenial companion, and the writer of this sketch will be greatly pleased if it is preserved in the annals of the county.





**D**AVID JAMES is a son of George and Ann (Sealy) James, natives of England, who immigrated to America in 1832, and located in Franklin Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, on the farm now owned by their son David. They purchased 100 acres of land for \$700, there being at the time but two houses between them and the town of Wooster. George James and his family were members of the Episcopal Church of Wooster. He died in 1859; his widow in 1870; politically he was a Whig. Their family consisted of four children, viz.: William Alfred, who died at the age of twenty-three years; John S., in Franklin Township, Wayne County; Amelia, widow of J. C. James, in Wooster, Ohio, and David, who was born in England, October 7, 1826, and came to Wayne County with his parents. He was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, but never followed it as an occupation, and has always lived on the homestead in Franklin Township, making great improvements in the buildings, etc., and now owns over 250 acres of land.

In 1853 he married Miss Ellen, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Gilmore, of Holmes County, and seventeen children have been born to them, as follows: a son, who died at the age of seventeen years; a daughter, who died at the age of five years; one that died in infancy, and the

following named yet living; Thomas A. and Dorothy Ann, at home; William Alfred, in Franklin Township, Wayne County, married to Minnie F., daughter of Hugh and Sarah Morgan, of Franklin Township (they have one child, Hugh C.); Jesse Gilmore, at home; Mary Nellie, now Mrs. Frank E. Langell, of Wooster, Ohio (they have two children, Mark B. and James M.); Martha Nettie, at home; Wesley David, in Illinois, and John Charles, George Walter, Frederick H., Frances Asbury, Amelia, Sealy and Anna Hortense, all at home. Mr. James and family are members of Moorland Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee and class-leader; politically he is a Republican.

**J**W. BRINKERHOFF, M. D., the youngest son of John Brinkerhoff, of Wooster, was born in Wooster, February 16, 1852. He received his classical education at the high school of Wooster, and immediately entered the office of Dr. L. Firestone, where he read medicine, and in 1873 he graduated from the medical department of Wooster University at Cleveland. He first began the practice of medicine in Missouri, but remained there only six months, when he returned to Wayne County, locating at



Burbank, where he now enjoys an extensive practice. He is also teacher of physiology in the public school of that place. He is a member of the borough council; a member of the Northeastern Ohio and Wayne County Medical Societies.

In November, 1874, Dr. Brinkerhoff became united in marriage with Miss Ella M., daughter of James C. Hemler, of Licking County, Ohio. Both Dr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff are prominent members of Burbank Methodist Episcopal Church; politically he is a Republican.

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**D**ANIEL T. HOFFMAN has been a resident of Wayne Township since 1853, and has by his long residence become one of the well-known citizens. He has devoted his attention to agriculture, and now has a good farm of 100 acres, all under cultivation, with good improvements, thus making it one of the pleasantest homes in the county. He was married, in 1846, to Miss Anna Mary, daughter of Samuel Groff, and to them were born three children, two of whom are living: Sybilla, wife of William Switzer, and Mary Ann, wife of Jacob Switzer. Mrs. Hoffman dying, Mr. Hoffman afterward married Miss Matilda, daughter of Joseph Grosh, and by her had eight children: Joseph, Daniel, Mar-

tin, Jacob, Benjamin, Lawrence, Laura and Clara. Of these, Joseph died when nine months old, and Laura when two years old; Daniel is married to Miss Anna Groop; Martin is married to Miss Lola Herington. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are members of the Church of God.

Mr. Hoffman's father was Jacob Hoffman, whose father, a native of Europe, came to this country when single, and was married to Miss Shriner, a native of Pennsylvania. Their union was blessed with six children—three sons and three daughters—Jacob being the youngest in the family. He was born in Manor Township, Lancaster Co., Penn., January 16, 1792, and December 16, 1816, was married to Magdalena Thomas, a native of the same township, born December 13, 1791. They had a family of twelve children. Father Hoffman came to Wayne County in the year 1850, purchased a farm of 200 acres in East Union Township, and afterward moved to Wayne Township, where his wife died in the eighty-fourth year of her age. She was converted when sixteen years old, and was a faithful servant of the Lord until her death. Father Hoffman died August 8, 1884, aged ninety-two years, six months and twenty-two days. He was converted when about forty years of age, and lived a Christian life until his death. This estimable couple had twelve children





(seven of whom are living), forty-three grandchildren (thirty-three living) and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

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**W**ILLIAM ROUCH, a prominent farmer of Plain Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1820. His father, William Rouch, was a native of Maryland, of Dutch ancestry, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He married Miss Mary Stair, and to them were born nine children, six of whom are living, viz.: John, Polly, Nancy Elizabeth, Susan Rebecca, Lydia Sarah and William. At an early day William Rouch, Sr., with his wife and three children, moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, where he bought 160 acres of land, on which he lived several years, and in 1815 came to Wayne County and entered 160 acres of land, a part of which is now the home of his son William. At the time of his death he owned 320 acres of valuable land. He in early life learned the mason's trade, but gave his attention wholly to agricultural pursuits during the last years of his life. He died at the age of eighty-three years and three months, his wife having preceded him, at the age of seventy-four years.

The subject of our sketch was reared in his native township, and has always lived

on the farm which is now his home. He has been a successful farmer, making practical use of the lessons taught him in early life. He is a representative citizen of Plain Township, a public-spirited and progressive man, and is respected by all who know him. He was married in 1855 to Susan, daughter of Jacob Bower, of Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and they have a family of five children, viz.: Treadwell S., William P., Sarah Agnes (now Mrs. Rouch), Lydia A. (now Mrs. Mullinger), and Mary, at home. In politics Mr. Rouch is a Democrat. Mrs. Rouch is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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**U**LYSSES CHATELAIN was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, April 7, 1828, and immigrated to America in 1848. He first engaged in manual labor in Hoboken, N. Y., remaining there for eleven months. He then spent three months in Cleveland, Ohio; thence moved to Wayne County, where he worked near Maysville and Fredericksburgh, for about one year. January 1, 1851, he married Miss Lena, daughter of Lewis Dodez, of Plain Township, Wayne County, and followed farming near Mount Eaton, remaining there until 1856, when they purchased their present farm. Although Mr. Chatelain came to this country without capital



except his hands, he has, by industry and perseverance, made himself and is to-day one of the wealthiest and most prosperous farmers in Paint Township, owning between 400 and 500 acres of land. His family consists of nine children, viz.: Celia E. is the wife of J. B. Finney, of Holmes County, Ohio, and has four children: D. Alvin, Laura, Lena and Ward; Lewis A., at home; Emma, wife of Randolph Rosenberg, of Paint Township, has

four children: Ida L., Orie D., Clyde and an infant; Lucy, wife of Israel Stuck, of Stark County, Ohio, has two children: Beatrice and Raymond Wilbur; Laura, Julia, Rebecca, Ida and William. In connection with general farming Mr. Chatelain does considerable in stock breeding. He has held the office of president in the French Reformed Church for many years; he is a member of Massillon Lodge, No. 346, F. & A. M.; politically a Democrat.

**L**EANDER FIRESTONE, M. D., LL. D. (deceased). The following sketch is from the pen of Ben. Douglass, of Wooster.

Man's sociality of nature evinces itself in spite of all that can be said with abundant evidence, by this one fact, were there no other: The unspeakable delight he takes in biography.—*Carlyle*.

Lord Bacon expressed his regret that the lives of eminent men were not more frequently written; and added that, "though kings, princes and great personages be few, yet there are many excellent men who deserve better than vague reports and barren eulogies."

The history of the world is principally the record of conspicuous names and the biography of illustrious characters. The history of Rome is little more than the biography of twelve men who were contemporaries, and all enclosed within the walls of the Eternal City. No marvel that the proud metropolis that can boast of Julius Caesar, Pompey, Brutus, Cato, Atticus, Livy, Cicero, Horace, Virgil, Hortensius, Augustus and Marcus Varro, should aspire to the proud title of

mistress of the world, and vaunt herself secure from all mortal wounds, save only those that might be inflicted in an evil hour by parricidal hands.

Mankind delights to register the acts and syllables of men who risk investments in the thought exchanges of the world. The standard of civilization and the advancement of human progress has been made and determined by the augmentation in the proportion of those who achieve intellectual triumphs, and by a corresponding decrease in the ratio of those who are consecrated to pleasurable pursuits, and neglect the higher moral and mental development and discipline. The principle of leadership is acknowledged and universal. It commands our respect and veneration. Among the North American Indians each tribe has its oracular leader, who summons to the camp-fire the dusky faces, and regales them with chapters from the unwritten bible of savagery.

When King Harold went westward, followed by the chosen men of Norway, to conquer France and England, though his men were distinguished for wisdom and courage











as a body, yet they recognized and rewarded the leadership of those most prominent in energy and valor. The true Briton of to-day venerates the names of Hengst and Horsa, his Saxon prototypes, for the inspiration and memory of their horsemanship is ever present at the boiling heats of Ascot and Newmarket. Through the grim galleries of the centuries, the Deity has spoken through his own chosen interpreters. It is the few indeed, who are genius-anointed. The lines of history from the first records of Grecian story to the moment when Elsinore heard the war moan along the distant sea, and, further on to later combats amidst hieroglyphic obelisks and near the shadow of the Sphinx, vividly expose the records of grand men who clenched opportunity and forced her to decree and command their triumph. In the progress of events marching on with power and grandeur, we discover the hand of Phidias among the features of the gods; the trowel of the Egyptians; the philosophy of Socrates and Plato; the swords of Caesar and Alexander; the orations of Cicero, Burke and Webster; the speculations of Newton, Copernicus and Kant; the metaphysical wisdom of Bacon and Locke; the prowess of Charlemagne, Murat and Sheridan; the achievements of Sir William Hunter and Sir Astley Cooper; the legal profundity of Blackstone, Erskine and Story; the religious zeal of Baxter, Hooker and Bossuet; the military skill of Wellington, Von Moltke and Grant; the statesmanship and martial grandeur of Washington; the astute and overmastering sagacity and judgment of Lincoln; the romantic intrepidity of Columbus and Hudson; the grand poetic outbursts of Sophocles, Homer, Shakespeare, Milton and Longfellow. Their lives, their thoughts and deeds have imparted stability, character, example and inspiration to humanity and civilization, and, in their individual

histories, in their recorded work and the thoughts they have furnished, can almost be found the material for a history of the race.

Wherefore, it may properly and naturally be affirmed, that history may be contemplated as but the biography of a few earnest, toiling, self-reliant men.

It has been said that the hardy growths of nature are those which battle the storms; the fiercer the conflict the more robust becomes the trunk, and the deeper down do the roots descend. Man is but a segment of nature. The successful one is not he who dreams or toys with images, but he who acts, and when we see a man who has hewn his way through difficulties and endured the storms of life from childhood, he is the strong man, the man of will and genius. Such was the subject of this memoir.

DR. FIRESTONE was born in Salt Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, April 11, 1819. His father, Daniel F. Firestone, removed from Beaver County, Penn., to Wayne County, in 1815. With him he remained until he was fourteen years old, performing such work as he could on the farm in the summer, and attending the country school in the winter. He then entered the academy at Salem, Columbiana County, and under the tutorship of Mr. Mills and Mr. Kingsbury, received prelibations of that education which he had an ambition to acquire, but which was beyond his power to then attain. He thence went to Portage County, Ohio, where he contracted with a farmer for three months to chop cord wood, at three shillings per cord. His stout arms felled the forest monarchs, notwithstanding the lines of Morris:

Woodman, spare that tree,  
Touch not a single bough.

Who knows but his youthful, imaginative and poetic mind, as he looked upon the prostrate



oak, did not dwell on masts of navies in its ribs; of storms; of battles on the ocean; of the noble lyrics of the sea; of Robin Hood and his merry men; of old baronial halls with mellow light streaming through diamond-shaped panes upon floors of oak, and wainscotings of carven oak? I doubt not that his boyish fancy saw all this.

At the age of sixteen he returned to Wayne County, going to Chester Township, where, with his uncle, John Firestone, a few miles north of New Pittsburgh, for two years, he made his home. He was penniless, but eager and earnest. The history of these two years could be given in a line—"The short and simple annals of the poor." Thrust upon his own resources, he became the architect of his own fortune. He toiled in the fields during the day, and after the drudgery of it was over, he devoted himself to his books by the light of the fire of kindlings carefully prepared as a substitute for lamp or candle. With him it had to be nothing, or, self-schooling, always the firm, sure substratum upon which the successful student, whether at home or school, or at the university, must erect his superstructure. In whatever he engaged, whether in contact with the products of the soil, or the resistance of the forest, or in the path of mental improvement, he was distinguished for unquailing diligence and energy. Under such circumstances and surroundings he laid the basis of his education and life, and that a man who can thus educate himself, possesses intellectual *morale*, no one, however captious, will deny.

During the winters of these two years spent with his uncle, he taught school, his first term being in the region now known as Perry Township, then in Wayne, but now in Ashland County. For his services he received \$12 per month. He was now equipped for teaching, was a good grammarian and

mathematician, exceeding, in fact, the standard of the average English scholar. By the reading of standard authors, such as Tacitus and Plutarch, Hume and Gibbon, Shakespeare and Milton, Dr. Johnson and Fielding, etc., which he had borrowed, he was introduced to the best style and thought of these brilliant writers, and in early life acquired a degree of familiarity with their language, and found sincere pleasure in the companionship of their reflections. Meantime, he had not circumscribed the area of his studies to such as merely equipped him for the service of the teacher. His range of penetration and vision was lifted to wider and higher skies. He had been making periodical recitations to Rev. Thomas Beer, a scholarly Presbyterian minister of Ashland, familiarizing himself with botany, geology, philosophy, chemistry, and natural science in other departments. His inquiring mind impelled him to make researches in germs and plant-life, and its organic and inorganic nature, and into flowers, their organs and food, and the physiology of the vegetable world; to explore Old Red Sandstone and the Cosmos; to sit with Plato in the academy, or Seneca at the Symposium of death; to wander with Silliman and Berzelius amid reactions and relations, the composition of substances and the mysterious laws of combination.

At the age of nineteen, August 26, 1838, he was married to Miss Susan Firestone, a lady of dignified and affable manner much esteemed by her acquaintances as a wife, mother, friend and Christian. The intimacy which resulted in this union was formed in early life, and his ardent attachment to his wife was evinced on all occasions to the period of his death. By this marriage eight children were born, five boys and three girls, all of whom are dead, except W. W. Fire-





stone, M. D., who inherits many of the strong traits of his father, and under whose tutorage he studied his profession and its collateral sciences.

At the age of twenty, Dr. Leander Firestone began the study of medicine with Dr. S. F. Day, a noted practitioner and eminent surgeon, under whose care and instruction he continued for three years, when he attended a course of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. When he received his diploma, unlike many students who relinquish or abridge their reading and hours of study upon graduation, he realized that he was but

An infant struggling on its mother's lap,

and that he was just in the first stages of discipline which would ultimately enable him to grapple with the broad and almost illimitable field of medical and surgical literature. His passion for these investigations was manifested in his writhings in the grip of his first clench with life, and continued until time had faintly blurred into gray background the splendid picture of his former years. His steadfast assiduity and zeal in his professional work gave him the applause of co-laborers and brothers, and won him leadership where to win it was to be crowned; won him believers and imitators, where to be imitated and to be recognized as an example, was to have attained to the eminence of humanity's benefactor.

But the time had come when he must lift his shield and bare his arm to "the sad, stern ministry of pain," and on March 28, 1841, he opened an office in the village of Congress, where he continued for thirteen years, acquiring a wide and remunerative practice, and a degree of popularity and eminence not confined to his visiting circuit. During this time, and expanding the horizon

of his aims, he graduated from the Medical Department of the Western Reserve College, then located at Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1847 was summoned to that institution as demonstrator of anatomy, which position he held until 1853. Here he achieved new honor and distinction, and bore the reputation of being one of the most popular, fluent and instructive lecturers in the colleges. In the same year he was appointed first superintendent of Northern Ohio Asylum for the Insane, at Newburgh, now a part of the city of Cleveland.

In 1859, being vice-president of the Ohio Medical Convention, then in session in Columbus, Ohio, in the absence of the president he presided, appointing all the committees, and otherwise controlling its deliberations. June 7, of the same year, he was elected president of the convention, and "in remarks accepting the office tendered him, thanked the society in a brief but manly speech, and urged the members to consider carefully and earnestly the importance of the work before them."\*

June 13, 1860, he delivered his valedictory address to the Convention. In 1864 he was promoted to the professorship of obstetrics and diseases of women in Charity Hospital Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1868 he was elected to the chair of surgery. In 1870 the college at Cleveland was made the medical department of Wooster University, where he continued as professor of obstetrics and the medical and surgical diseases of women, and class lecturer on anatomy, physiology and hygiene, to the students at Wooster University.

June 24, 1874, the title of LL. D. was conferred upon him, at Athens, by the University of Ohio. Gov. William Allen appointed him, February 1, 1875, one of the trustees

\*From the Medical Report.



for three years, of the Northern Ohio Hospital for the Insane. In 1878, Gov. Bishop designated him as superintendent of the Institution for the Insane at Columbus, Ohio, and during his administration of the office, he established a reputation in the public benevolent circles of the States, as being one of the successful and efficient professional and executive superintendents, of which any State might be consistently jealous.

In private life he was characterized by great benevolence of character. Other remarkable traits were his disinterestedness, his regard for the rights and enjoyments of others, his generous disposition, his gentle and forbearing temper, his plain, easy and unostentatious manner. He was an unswerving friend and a delightful companion. In social circles he charmed with the grace and full, rich naturalness of his expression. "Conversation to him was the music of the mind, an intellectual orchestra, where all the instruments should have a part, but where none should play together." He was possessed of warm and wide and ardent sympathies, and his genial nature unconsciously called for sympathy; yet, he was heroic and independent, and bore the occasional uneven frictions of circumstance with placid equanimity and stately strength. He had the ability to sustain the mind's tone under adverse environments and preserve it sensitive to work, study, meditation, nature and to God. In the relation of father and son, of husband, brother and friend, he always displayed the highest excellencies of feeling and character. Expanding our view to the comprehensive circle of his personal friends, rarely did any man win a stronger hold upon the confidence of those with whom he was associated. He has with equal propriety mingled in the free and open exchanges of private life, and sustained the dignity and honor of official station.

In professional life we may speak of him in the language of eulogy employed by him on the death of Prof. Delamater, who occupied a chair in the medical college with Dr. Firestone:

He was no ordinary man. Indeed he was a great man, in possession of learning without pedantry, and skill without ostentation. He never was known to harbor hatred or ill-will, had a pleasant smile of approbation and a word of encouragement and hope for every man in the faithful discharge of his duty. He was eminent as a physician, and his lectures were clear, forcible and logical. In conversation he was agreeable, instructive and illuminating, imparting pleasure and intelligence to all around him. The mementoes of his example are a rich boon to posterity, and, while benevolence, philanthropy, social order and religion survive, the virtues of this great and good man will shine in all the majesty of light.

He was not a specialist in any branch of the profession, but in all of its apartments vindicated his title to pre-eminent distinction. In surgery he particularly excelled, and to be an expert in that domain is to approximate the mastery of the profession, as in its several branches are compassed all the other departments of the healing art. In the sick room he seemed to engender and radiate health, as if he were the possessor of a superabundance of it. He was pervaded, if we may feebly reach out after a receding idea, with the mysterious odic force of the healer, which is above science and beyond experience and behind theory, and which we call magnetism, or vitality, or tact, or inspiration, according to our assimilating power in its presence, or our reverence for its mission.

As a politician he had no full defined or cherished aspirations. He was a member of the Ohio Constitutional Convention of 1850-51 which assembled at the State Capitol, May 6, 1850, and of which Hon. William Medill was president, W. H. Gill, secretary, and J. V. Smith, reporter. It was composed of 115





officers and delegates, in which there were eight physicians besides himself. In his representative capacity it will be observed that Dr. Firestone aided by his vote and voice in advancing measures which, by legislation, were crystalized into the salutary laws of the State, and under which its citizens have been happy and prosperous for nearly forty years. It was, indeed, no paltry honor to occupy a seat in such a deliberative assembly, presided over by a subsequent governor of the State, and which was composed of the Raneys, Groesbecks, Nashes, Kemmons, Stanberrys, Kirkwoods, and Peter Hitchcock, "the father of the Ohio bar," some of whom became supreme judges of the State, governors, authors in the law, United States Senators and cabinet ministers. During his membership of the convention he participated actively in the discussion of questions before it for deliberation. He was a champion of the right of petition, the purity of the ballot, economy in the administration of the affairs of the State, advocating biennial sessions of the Legislature, and antagonizing the increase of salaries of public officials. He signaled his opposition to corporations in a speech, of June 11, which brought him to prominence, and fixed his status before the convention as an extemporaneous debater and orator. He exhibited an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of public affairs and great readiness and resources in disputation. A Democrat, and yet Republican in habits and principles, depending for the maintenance of his dignity upon the esteem of others, and not upon his own assumption, his manners at once conciliated the good will of the convention. When he was elected to this position he was a young man of thirty-two summers, the age of Lord Clive when he established the British power in India, and of Hannibal, when at Cannae, he dealt an almost annihilat-

ing blow at the Roman republic. He resigned his seat before the labors of the convention terminated, on account of a pressure of professional work demanding his exclusive time, when Elzy Wilson, of Ashland County, was chosen his successor.

He kept thoroughly enlightened upon all the issues and matters of political interest before the public, and was a Democrat in his political affiliations. He was one of the best campaign orators in the Democratic organization in Ohio, and in several State and national conflicts he entered the arena with the avowed Titans of his party. In open assault he could lash his political enemies with a whip of scorpions, or punish them over a prostrate hero, as Marc Antony did Brutus over the dead body of Caesar. He was once a candidate for Congress, and came within a few votes of obtaining the nomination, when Hon. H. H. Johnson was chosen and elected from this district.

As a patriot his allegiance to his country is immutably written upon the record. When the first gun flung its iron challenge at Fort Sumter, as a true American, Dr. Firestone felt the insult. He realized that war was upon us, and with Dr. Holmes believed that "war is the surgery of crime," and that the disease of the nation was not functional but organic, and demanded the knife and not opiates and lotions. It must not be that the most beneficent of all governments must fall by the basest of all conspiracies. Better, if it must, that all should be pushed into that ocean whose astonished waves first felt the Mayflower's kiss and keel. There was no middle ground then; the conditions were for or against the Union. To be a neutralist was to have pointed against you "the stony finger of Dante's awful Muse." Dr. Firestone at once declared for the Union, in prompt, eloquent, and unmistakable tones.





On July 4, 1861, ten weeks after the red lights of war were kindled, he addressed his fellow citizens of Wooster and Wayne Counties, in a thrilling, patriotic and impassioned speech, from which we make a brief extract:

Shall the dawn of some future 4th of July find your watch-towers abandoned, your altars overthrown, your banners forsaken, your smiling land devastated by a storm of ruin, your peaceful hamlets resounding with the maiden's shriek, your fertile hills and sunny plains seathed by havoc and death, trodden by foreign hirelings, and desolated by internal strife? Look through the world and show me a clime so proudly matured in the days of her youth. Shall the freedom won by the mightiest of nations in the days of her feebleness be lost in the hour of her might? Shall we permit the bright foliage and buds of promise to be stripped from the Tree of Liberty—its blooming beauty in the rich spring of unclouded glory, and the banner of Washington desolated and trampled in the dust! Perish the thought forever!

That glorious banner that has waved in triumph amid the clash of arms and the din of battle, that has inspired the heart of heroes with deeds of noble daring, and been the antidote to danger at the head of charging squadrons, as they rushed with fearless tread to the field of death, must not be desecrated. That honored ensign, now the heirloom of the sons of freedom, consecrated through all coming time as a sacred memento of the dead, that has been baptized in blood, sanctified by the pure light of heaven, and wedded in undying memory with immortal names, illustrious deeds and ennobling recollections of all that true patriots deemed worthy of life or death, can never be desecrated by foreign foe, nor crushed beneath the heartless tread of a traitor's foot. Its sublime mission, its exalted destiny, is far higher and holier than this. The whirlwinds of war, of pestilence and devastation, may sweep the green earth, spreading destruction and death; proud monuments of grandeur may crumble into dust; but the glorious scintillations of living light and luster streaming from the star-lit flag, like the countless lights in the constellation of heaven, are destined to shine on and on, illumining our hillsides and valleys, lighting the halls of genius and learning, penetrating the imperious sackcloth of bigotry,

the veil of fanaticism, dissipating corruption, and challenging dissolution or decay.

Let us, the heirs of hallowed birthrights, again renew our pledges here this day, that we will be faithful in the discharge of the duties entrusted to us. Let us vow that, these stately columns of American liberty, erected by our fathers, shall not be broken by the rash acts of their inconsiderate and ungrateful sons; but that they shall still tower in unparalleled grandeur, raising their heads upward, high above the loftiest summits of the world. Nor shall moss nor ivy outstrip the builder's hand, till a free, prosperous and patriotic people arise in their omnipotent might, and, amid the shoutings and acclamations of millions, lay the corner-stone of glory and renown.

In 1861 he was chosen Chairman of the Wayne County Military Committee, which was empowered to appoint auxiliaries in the various townships to solicit donations, in cash and articles of food and wearing apparel, for the soldiers. It was authorized, also, to urge and encourage volunteering and report the names of those who desired to enlist in the military service. In this sphere of duty he was active and energetic, and beyond the fulfillment of these functions, he supplied appointments throughout the county and made the most intense and fervid war speeches. At the banquets and reunions of the old soldiers he was frequently present, and invariably extended encouragement to such occasions. His Decoration addresses were models of earnest, burning patriotic national devotion. Surely, if eloquence is lodged in the human soul, it should be aroused on that day, so prolific of gallant deeds and the memories of immortal heroes. The historian, Alison, relates that the statesmen of Athens, when they wished to arouse that fickle people to any great or heroic action, reminded them of the national glory of their ancestors and pointed to the Acropolis' crowned with the monuments of their valor; and that the Swiss peasants, for five hundred years after the establishment of their



independence, assembled on the fields of Morgarten and Laupen, and spread garlands over the graves of the fallen warriors, and prayed for the souls of those who had died for their country's freedom.

In 1882, as president of the Decoration ceremonies at the cemetery he said :

It is sorrow's day, and yet our mourning is mingled with some share of gladness in the reflection that those whom we mourn were the brave, honorable and manly, and fell with their armor on in the faithful discharge of their duty. They sleep, but their deeds remain bright. They have fallen, but left a well-earned fame that will survive, unimpaired, the revolution of time. They commingle no more with companions they loved, enjoy no longer the pleasures and sweets of home, yet it is pleasing to know they left an undivided country, a Union preserved, a flag honored, and the constitution, as given by the fathers, respected. Among the fallen we recognize those who, as patriots, were fearless and devoted ; as gentlemen, polished and graceful ; as citizens, liberal and generous ; as husbands, kind and affectionate ; as fathers, tender and instructive ; as Christians, consistent and pious, and as men, honest and brave. Flowers will be strewn on the sod beneath which slumbers the soldier in gray as well as the soldier in blue. This is in accordance with the promptings of the human heart, and would seem to be Nature's plan. The light of the sun, treasures of the clouds, pearls of the star-lit night, evening's zephyr and the fragrance of the flowers are distributed to all, and afford us lessons of wisdom, not alone on this occasion, but in every day life. As on Horeb, when the tempest, the flame and the earthquake had passed away, there came a still small voice

That spake of peace, it spake of love,  
It spake as angels speak above,

So here, this still small voice is pleading the cause of man, and that equal rights, under the law of love, sustained by the love of law, shall be the order throughout the federation of the world. When these things shall have been accomplished in spirit and in truth, we may walk about our political Zion, and go around about her, tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces.

In the domain of imagination and literary effort, genius had promised him her voice

and the key to her sacred haunts, but in the rush and hurry of life he did not often court her smiles or seek her bower or wait the natural flowering of her thought. His muse was ready and sat near the Pierian waters. But, perhaps, the silence of the lover when he clasps his maiden is better than the passionate murmur of the song which celebrates her charms. He had the temper which animates the imaginative student and man. His intellect was dextrous, and, while he occasionally wrote genuine poetry, he indulged in rhyme like an apt craftsman who in different directions seeks to test his skill. His poems sort of grew and builded themselves. One of his best poetic ranges is represented in his Decoration poem of 1882, which was published and widely circulated by the press. It was contemplated at one time to make it the national song of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is here subjoined :

ALL:—" Oh, Wrap the Flag Around Me, Boys!"

'Tis sorrow's day, the noisy din  
Of labor hushed to rest,  
Each face portrays the heart within  
With grief so deeply pressed.  
We mourn the loss of those we loved,  
The noble and the brave—  
Our hearts in sadness deeply moved  
We weep beside the grave.

CHORUS.

Then strew sweet flowers upon the spot  
Where lie the true and brave  
Who dared to face the foeman's shot,  
Our country's flag to save.

In battle's din their shouts were heard  
Upon the bloody field;  
From one to one they passed the word  
"The gray-coat foe must yield!"  
But O, alas! with heaving breast  
They met their dreadful doom,  
And now they sleep in peaceful rest  
Within the quiet tomb.

CHORUS: Then strew, etc.





Let evergreens be lightly thrown  
 Upon their last abode,—  
 Fit emblems that the soul lives on,  
 To praise its maker, God.  
 Let soldiers sleep until the day  
 The trump shall bid them rise;  
 The victory sure, the battle won,  
 Their home is in the skies.

CHORUS: Then strew, etc.

He possessed, in a high degree, all the requisites for a successful and popular platform lecturer, and in 1860, the Boston Literary Bureau requested permission to make appointments for him for the ensuing season, which was declined. His intellectual equipments would have served him grandly in such a field. He was familiar with the best thoughts of the best thinkers and writers, and believed that a book was the best anodyne for either suffering or solitude. There is always a pleasure in sympathetic propinquity to the utterances of a great author. Reading his book is but opening his grave, pressing your ear to his coffin and whispering through his dust, to his finer spiritual hearing. We do not see him, yet, through embattlements of earth and sky and space we know and hear him. We must converse with the dead in the unsealed testament of their thoughts and live among the unreal. Gibbon asserted that he would not exchange his enjoyment of books for the riches of the Indies. Montesquieu affirmed there was no annoyance or vexation he could not fly from in his library. Lessing said that, if the alternatives were offered him by the Creator, to acquire knowledge immediately by intuition, or in his usual way, by laborious study, he would choose the latter, for study is itself a felicity. His readings were extensive and varied. He studied Rembrandt to learn how to enjoy the struggles of light and darkness; Wagner to appre-

ciate certain musical effects; Dickens to give a whirl to his sentimentality; Mark Twain to flavor his humor; Emerson to kindle new light within; Edwards to catch glances of the spiritual world, and Chalmers and Hodge that he might touch the chain that led on to the hiding places of the soul. His public addresses, lectures and magazine publications if collected would make several volumes. At the dedication of Arcadome Hall, December 18, 1857 (destroyed by fire March 23, 1874), he responded to the toast: "Our orator—whether at driving out a fever with jalap, or a fit of the blues with a joke, tuning up a bass fiddle or a broken constitution, he is always equal to the emergency, and like a true flint (as his Dutch name indicates), strikes fire every time the steel touches him." In this hall, January 12, 1858, he delivered one of his most scholarly and scientific lectures on the completion of the laying of the Atlantic cable, entitled "The Marriage of the Old and New World." The parties were living on the two sides of an ocean, and were married by extending their hands across it, and the telegraphic cable was the wedding tie. The lecture was thoroughly scientific, and its treatment of electricity, the method of its generation by friction and chemical action, and the machinery constructed to develop and intensify the subtle agency, the galvanic battery, and the researches of Le Sage in 1774, to the triumphs of Morse in 1844, was lucid, elaborate and instructive. Among all of his public platform performances none were more popular or evinced a profounder thought, or a keener analysis of propositions and subject matter, or gave him a wider reputation, than his disquisition upon the Reciprocal Influence of Mind and Body. He had in contemplation and partially completed for publication, a work on Anatomy, Physiology and



Hygiene, to be used as a text book in colleges and schools.

He became a Free Mason, at Harrisville Lodge, Medina County, Ohio, in 1848, and was worshipful master of Ebenezer Lodge, Wooster, for eleven years. He was grand scribe of the Grand Chapter in 1860-61, and high priest of Wooster Chapter for fifteen years, and held the office until his death. In 1862 he was grand king of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He was a member of Massillon Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, for a number of years. At the laying of the corner stone of Wooster City Court House, October 9, 1878, which was conducted with high ceremony by the Ancient order, he delivered the address. It was a masterly effort, opulent in its reproductions of the traditions and antiquities of the Ancient order, and, withal, diffused with the soundest patriotism and the keenest intelligence upon the legal science and the maxims of jurisprudence.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Independent Order of Red Men; of the Knights of Pythias, Rising Star Lodge, and holding its highest office, that of Chancellor of the State; of the Royal Arcanum, and was supervising medical examiner of Ohio for six years, and died maintaining that position. Dr. Joel Seaverus, medical examiner-in-chief, Roxbury Mass., in a letter referring to his death, wrote:

The Doctor was active, earnest and faithful in his duties as supervising examiner, and thoroughly careful and scrupulous in seeing that instructions were complied with. His correspondence with me had always been brief but to the point, and I had learned to regard his opinions as conservative and valuable. It will be hard, I think, for us to select a successor as well qualified and as faithful as he had been.

He permanently settled in Wooster in 1856,

where he lived and which was his home until his death, which occurred from apoplexy November 9, 1888. He was above the medium height, weighing over 200 pounds, with full projecting brows and sharp penetrating eyes. The expression of his countenance, in rest, was grave, but its serious cast was often relieved by a peculiarly pleasant smile, indicative of the geniality of his disposition. His face was plainly illustrative of the buoyancy and vivacity of his mind. He did not think the best way to become old was to let the heart grow gray. To the writer he said a few months before he died: "Yes, I am approaching seventy; the fight is on. I am over the hill-top and hurrying down the slope to the river." As he passed on the thought of the poem he so much loved flashed upon me, and I quote its first stanza:

Not yet, my soul, these friendly fields desert,  
Where thou with grass, and rivers and the breeze,  
And the bright face of day, thy dalliance had;  
Where to thine ear first sang th' enraptured birds;  
Where love and thou that lasting bargain made.  
The ship rides trimmed, and from th' eternal shore,  
Thou hearest airy voices; but not yet.  
Depart my soul, not yet awhile depart.

The consciousness seemed upon him then that there were but a few remaining bars of rest between the strains of his remaining life. On matters of religion and the ultimate existence, he gave the evidence of his utmost belief and faith in Christianity, a Savior, a Resurrection and a God of Redemption; and this was emphatically confirmed for many years, by his visible union with the church. Many of his reflections, reverently indulged, on matters pertaining to the soul, its infinite possibilities and eternal destiny, are remembered, and many were unexpressed, which neither takes from nor adds to the abysmal depth of the mystery which surrounds us all.





Who made the heart 'tis He alone  
Decidedly can try us;  
He knows each chord, its various tone,  
Each string, its various bias;

and it is within the sphere of the Christian gentleman to believe that he had suffered the inner martyrdom and preparation for death.

**D**L. KIEFFER, ESQ., is the second child and eldest son of Adam Kieffer, and was born May 12, 1829, in Greene Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. His infancy was one of marked peculiarity, there being, perhaps, no one born in the county under a more hopeless condition than he. At his birth his weight was not quite one and a half pounds, and he scarcely filled a quart measure. He was pronounced devoid of vitality, but, to satisfy her curiosity, an old lady in attendance pressed the point of a needle into his forehead, and he made a sudden jerk with his arms, which was the first sign of life made visible. It is said of Fohi, the founder of the Empire of China, that at the moment of his birth he stood erect and then walked across the room; but not so with Squire Kieffer; it took over two years before he was able to walk. When about six years old he began to grow rapidly, and when his sixteenth year was finished his height was six feet, two inches, in his stockings; his matured height is

six feet, four and one half inches, and his average weight about 200 pounds. He is a man of extraordinary talent, from youth showing an ardent desire for mental improvement; but, under strict parental restraint, the greater part of his minority passed away without education. Afterward he attended the academy at Canaan under Prof. Notestein, select school in Seville under Prof. Foster, and college at Edinburgh under Prof. Hill. His design in life was to be a man of letters, but feeling unable to endure the constant bitter opposition of all his immediate relatives, among whom he wished to live in peace, he took up the art of building. After acquiring a thorough knowledge of architecture and civil engineering, he became a noted master of the profession, which he followed for about thirty years; and much is due him for the discovering, inventing and adding new and useful features to the art. D. L. Kieffer is the first one of the numerous descendants of his great-grandfather, Michael Kieffer, who saw and appreciated the propriety of education. He felt that a kind Providence had given him his talents and bade him to improve them. Stimulated under these impulsions, in the fall of 1846 he embarked for the "Canaan School." He was the first one to engage (as it was then looked upon) in the degenerating enterprise. It was thought that sloth and corruption





prompted him to resort to this perversion of principle. Suspicion marked him as a rascal of the lowest grade. But, however, rectitude has won him, and he is a man of freedom from any moral obliquity. He believes in helping to bear the burdens of one another. This he cannot refuse, and with a heart overflowing with merciful kindness, he helped and endorsed, even for his bitterest enemies, until they reduced him to poverty, and now utterly despise him for being in want. For ten years, during the winter season, he followed school-teaching in Milton, Greene, Wayne and Canaan Townships, in Wayne County, Ohio. In the summer of 1854 he was married to Miss Rebecca Spangler, a native of Wayne Township, and a daughter of Peter Spangler, Sr. Her grandfather's name was Yost, that of her great-grandfather was Peter, and that of the father of her great-grandfather was Casper, the latter of whom came from Palatinate, upon the Rhine, and, with a crew of 109, sailed on the ship "William and Sarah," under captaincy of William Hill. They landed in Philadelphia September 21, 1727, and on the same day attended a meeting of what was called "The Board of the Provincial Council," at the old court-house in Philadelphia, and took the oath of allegiance as a colony in the province of Pennsylvania, then subject to the crown of Great Britain, to the maj-

esty of King George II and his successors, kings of Great Britain, etc.

D. L. Kieffer and wife are the parents of one child, George Lincoln Kieffer, a youth of much promise and intelligence. In 1881 D. L. Kieffer was appointed family historian of the great Kieffer family, of which he kindly furnishes the following historical sketch:

We trace our ancestral lineation back to France—to the fifteenth century—to the commencement of the persecution of the religious reformers in that kingdom, who, because of their meeting for worship in the night time in subterraneous vaults near the gate of the city of Hugon, were, by way of contempt, called "Huguenots;" this being previous to the permanently establishing of surnames among mankind, the custom of which took rise in France about the twelfth century, but was not universally assumed until about 300 years thereafter. About this time there existed a large relationship in the southern part of the Kingdom of France, known by the name of "Michael." These claimed descent from the illustrious Michael, surnamed Andronicus, whose glory shone in ancient Byzantium in the thirteenth century, and, on the assuming of surnames, one of these Michaels in France was surnamed Tonnellies (the French name of cooper), hence his name was Michael Tonnellies. He was the great-great-grandfather of my great-great-grandfather, and one of his sons was named De Wald Tonnellies. About the year 1563, at the time the darkness of persecution and massacre of the Huguenots hung over France in its direst aspect, under the heinous scepter of Queen Catherine, this De Wald Tonnellies departed from France to find peace and refuge in Germany. He was a native of Paris, and was of wealthy and noble ancestry. But under the inspiration of the love, light and guidance of the Gospel, he chose abandonment of friends, ease, rank, nativity and heritage of estate, and became striker at the anvil for a blacksmith at Kettenheim. And now, under compulsion of change of language, habits, society, occupation and circumstances all around, he deemed it eligible also to change his name from French to German, namely: from De Wald Tonnellies to De Wald



Kuefer (Tonnelies being the French name for the coopering trade, and Kuefer the German name for the same). He now saw that he must, as it were, commence life anew. Stimulated under these convictions, he unstrung every nerve to rectitude, industry and economy, and in course of time he came to be master of the forge himself. Late in life he was married, and came to be the father of one son, whom he named Michael, in honor of his native ancestry. At the time of his arrival at Kettenheim, Germany was under the imperial power of the wise and humane Emperor Maximilian II, who is said to have been the most amiable prince that ever swayed the imperial scepter. With most sanguine benignity he tolerated religious reformation, which seemed to have a benign influence upon the hearts of all of his people, and, with vehement salutations, they welcomed to their open arms those who fled from martyrdom in France.

After De Wald Kuefer, the great-grandfather of my great-grandfather, who fled to escape the persecution in France, had enjoyed true peace in Germany for about fifty-five years, "papal wrath" here, too, spewed vengeance, and now baptized with tears and blood the peaceful plains of Lutzen. Now the religious war commenced in Germany, and raged for thirty years, commencing in 1618, and ending in 1648. When this war commenced the Kuefer family, which is now so large, was in its mere infancy, consisting of but our revered great-grand-sire, De Wald, and his only child, son Michael, the wife and mother being dead. Michael, like his father, too, came to be a blacksmith; was, too, advanced in years when married, but came to be the father of three sons—Jacob, Michael and De Wald. And these three sons and brothers were the first ones of our name to cross the ocean for America. They came over with Francis Daniel Pastorius, a native of Sommerhausen, in Franconia, who brought over a small colony chiefly from Cleves, in Westphalia. June 8, 1683, they took passage on board the ship "The America," and sailed from Rotterdam, under Capt. Joseph Wasey, landing on the soil of the New World, at Philadelphia, August 20th of the same year. Philadelphia having just been laid out previous to their arrival here, and the rude aspect of the new country, in contrast with their native home, presenting to them most lonely and fearful forbodings, the three Kuefer brothers were induced to return to Europe. Jacob, the eldest of these three brothers, had five sons—Michael, Valuntine, Leonhardt, Friederich and

Jacob. In 1689 he and his two eldest sons went up to Denmark. In 1699 these two brothers, Michael and Valuntine, through the conflict between Lord Nelson and the confederacy of what was called "The Northern Powers against the Naval superiority of Great Britain," crossed the ocean and came to settle in the province of Canada. In 1732 the other three brothers—Leonhardt, Friederich and Jacob—came to America on the ship "Samuel," under Capt. Pierey, sailing from Rotterdam August 11, 1732, and landing at Philadelphia October 10; after a stay of about two months, they returned to Germany. Michael, the second of these three brothers, had two sons, and these, after arriving at manhood, went back to France to enjoy the life of the fatherland and of their ancestry. Here their name of Kuefer became changed to Keverer. De Wald, the youngest of these three brothers, was the grandfather of my grandfather; he had four sons—Abraham, Casper, Martin and Michael. Of these four brothers, about sixty-five years after their father and two uncles had visited America, and while the great war between Great Britain, Germany, France, Spain, Austria, Sardinia and Holland was raging in its highest heat, the two eldest, namely: Abraham and Casper, came to America. They took passage on board the ship "Two Brothers," under Capt. Arnatt, sailing from Rotterdam July 20, 1748, and landing in port Philadelphia September 15 of the same year.

About this time the spelling of our name became changed from Kuefer to Kieffer, so as to pronounce the same in English as in German. The third of the four brothers, Martin, never crossed the ocean. But Michael, the youngest of the four, was my great-grandfather. He was born May 8, 1724, near Kettenheim, in Europe; May 10, 1750, he was married to Margaret Miller, of the same place, born December 11, 1729. They were the parents of eleven children, born and named as follows: Anna Elizabeth, February 21, 1752; Anna Odilia, December 12, 1753; Anna Barbara, October 16, 1755; Anna Eva, May 5, 1757; John Jacob, October 15, 1759; Anna Elizabeth, July 26, 1761; John Michael, November 4, 1763; John Adam, August 7, 1765; Anna Margaret, August 23, 1767; John Valuntine, May 1, 1769; J. Valuntine, the second, born November 26, 1772. Anna Elizabeth, the first born, and the first-named John Valuntine, died in infancy, and are buried at Zweibrücken, in Europe. In the year 1773, about the time of the threatening crisis which, from the great revolution in Sweden, the dismemberment





of Poland by Russia, Prussia and Austria, filled every heart with consternation throughout the German Empire, Michael Kieffer, our great-grandfather, with his wife and nine remaining children, started from Zweibrücken for America, sailing on ship "Britannia," under Capt. Peters, April 15, 1773. While on their voyage his wife took sick, and on the 10th of May she died, and was buried amidst the waves of the Atlantic. After a voyage of over ninety days of "troubled farings on the sea," he, with his nine children, landed in the port of Baltimore. On his arrival here, Anna Odilia, his eldest daughter, suddenly sickened and died, and was buried at that place. His family was now completely scattered; two of the children lay in the earth of Zweibrücken, his wife was buried at sea, and the oldest daughter in Baltimore. He now took the remainder of his family and went to Bedford County, Penn., where he remained eight years. He then crossed the Alleghany Mountains, and settled in Somerset County, same State. Here, March 26, 1805, he died, in the eighty-first year of his age, and was buried in Brother Valley Township, Somerset Co., Penn. His eldest son, Jacob, our grandfather, was born October 15, 1759, and was fourteen years of age when he came from Europe. September 2, 1787, he was married to Eva Margaret Fritz, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., born September 27, 1769. To them were born nine children: Michael, Margaret, Elizabeth, Adam, Mary, Jacob, Susanna, Joseph and Eva, all born in Somerset County, Penn.

In the spring of 1814 he, with his family, immigrated to Wayne County, Ohio, and settled on the northeast quarter of Section 35, Milton Township. This was the second family in the township. Their hardships and privations were many. The Indian, the bear, stag, wolf, porcupine and the rattlesnake were their daily visitors. After enduring the trials and privations consequent to pioneer life, after battling with the forest for about thirteen years, when the wilderness just began to put forth the first buds of hope and promise, he was summoned to his death-bed, and on February 23, 1828, he died, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and was buried in the family graveyard on his place. His widow died September 29, 1843, and was buried by the side of her husband. Michael, their eldest son, was born August 7, 1788, and was married to Elizabeth Giedig, of his native place; in 1820 she died, and was buried in the graveyard of his father; in 1823 he married Barbara Hoffman, a native of

Elsas, in Europe; in 1836 he died in Milton Township, on the farm whereon he settled in 1815, in the forty-ninth year of his age, and was buried by the side of his first wife. Margaret, the eldest daughter, was born September 22, 1789, and was married to Benjamin Sanford, a native of the State of Vermont; she died November 5, 1839, in Copley Township, Summit Co., Ohio, in the fiftieth year of her age, and was buried in the center of Copley. Elizabeth, the second daughter, was born June 12, 1793, and was married to Peter Flickinger, a native of Hagerstown, Md.; she died August 23, 1843, in Greene Township, on the farm whereon she and her husband had settled in 1815, and was buried in the family graveyard of her father. Adam, the second son, was born October 23, 1795, married Maria Lasure, a native of Lancaster County, Penn.; he died in Greene Township, November 20, 1853, in the fifty-ninth year of his age, on the farm where he and his wife settled in 1820, and was buried in the graveyard at Smithville. Mary, the third daughter, was born September 10, 1798, and married James Medsger; she died in the forty-first year of her age, in Milton Township, September 14, 1839, on the farm whereon she and her husband settled soon after they were married; she is buried in the old family graveyard. Jacob, the third son, was born February 21, 1802, married Rachel Kemmerer; his wife died February 5, 1843, and was buried in the old family graveyard; in 1866 he died, in the sixty-fourth year of his age, on the farm where he and his wife had settled soon after they were married, and was buried in Milton Township. Susanna, the fourth daughter, was born April 29, 1804, married John Young; she died in the seventy-first year of her age, in 1875, in Milton Township, on the farm whereon she and her husband had settled in 1825. Joseph, the youngest son, was born January 5, 1807, and married Mary Blacher; he died in Milton Township in 1860, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, on the farm where he had settled with his parents in 1811. Eva, the youngest child, was born August 11, 1809; in 1830 she married Jacob Billman; in 1841 she died on the farm where she and her husband had settled in 1830, and was buried in the graveyard of St. Paul's Church, in Wayne Township. This may truly be said to have been a generation which had to encounter many trials and hardships. They settled in Milton Township before there were any roads established in or near the township. Coming here, they had to make the road as fast as they went



from Canton, in Stark County, to where they located in Milton Township, Wayne County. Rather remarkable, as, in course of time, one after another commenced for himself, they settled on farms of their own, whereon they remained until they died—not one of them moving once until taken to the grave. The faith of their religion was the creed of Luther. Mine were the parents of ten children, viz.: Elizabeth, Daniel L., Jacob J., Quincy A., Jesse S., Mary M., Joseph J., Catherine E., Josiah M. and Isaiah N., all born and reared on the farm, and all principally following the calling of the farmer, except the last named, who follows the ministry.

**SINCLAIR JOHNSON**, a son of James and Mary Johnson, was born February 23, 1824, on the farm now owned by him in Salt Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. His grandfather, Thomas Johnson, previous to the War of 1812, moved from near Baltimore, Md., to Fayette County, Penn., where he remained several years, and then came to Wayne County, arriving April 9, 1816; he died in a fit of apoplexy on the road southwest of Dalton, this county. He was the father of five children, three sons and two daughters, all now deceased.

James Johnson, father of the subject of this sketch, and also a native of Maryland, removed from there to Fayette County, Penn., where he married Mary, daughter of John White, of Uniontown, same State. Here they located for a brief time, and then came to Salt Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, where they

settled on the farm now owned by Sinclair Johnson. James Johnson died October 26, 1870, and his widow in 1885. Their children were William W., Isaac S., Ruth and Sinclair. Of these, William W. married, and located in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County (he died at his late residence, near Wooster); Isaac S. married, and located in Salt Creek Township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died; Ruth married W. C. Grant, of Stark County, Ohio.

Sinclair Johnson, the subject of this memoir, when a child of eight months was stricken with fever, remaining ill for a period of three days, when he apparently fully recovered, his mother leaving him at play upon the floor while she engaged in spinning. His screams called her attention, when she discovered that the child could not draw his limbs after him, and found that he had lost the use of his lower limbs. He, however, retained his mental and physical vigor, and persevered in securing an education, receiving an elementary training in the schools of the county. In 1851 he graduated from Jefferson College, and became a professional and eminently successful teacher, having taught at Fredericksburgh, Middletown, Shelby, Apple Creek, and in other schools of the county.

On March 1, 1860, he married Lucinda B. Hatfield, and they have four children,





viz.: Mary R. (now Mrs. Amos B. Derr, of Franklin Township), James A., Isaac A. and Sarah I. Cunningham, of Valparaiso, Ind. In 1880 Mr. Johnson was again visited with an affliction, a stroke of palsy, which necessitated the relinquishment of active business life. Mr. Johnson is a Prohibitionist, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he has been a ruling elder a number of years in his church at Apple Creek, Ohio. In his affliction he feels that "He who noteth even the fall of a sparrow must have some purpose in the fate of one like him." Mr. Johnson has been reasonably successful financially, and is much esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances.

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**C**URTIS V. HARD, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Wooster City, and a man whose success in life has been of his own making, was born in Wooster, Ohio, August 3, 1845. His father, M. K. Hard, was a native of Medina County, Ohio, to which county the grandparents of Curtis V. had come from Vermont, in 1816. The ancestral lines on both the father's and mother's side extend far back in America—on the father's side several members of the family bearing arms in the Revolutionary War,

being with Ethan Allen at the storming and capture of Ticonderoga. Originally the family stock was English, and came to America about the middle of the seventeenth century.

M. K. Hard, the father of our subject, grew to manhood in his native county, and directed for a time his attention to the study and practice of medicine, but later devoted himself to the ministry, in which vocation he spent some twenty-five or thirty years of his life. He chose as life's partner Miss Miranda Booth, of Medina County, who bore him six children, all of whom save one still survive, three of them in Wayne County. Owing to the nature of his calling, the home of the Rev. Hard was not permanently fixed until 1870, when he and his aged wife came to Wooster to spend their declining years, and here they still reside.

C. V. Hard received the advantages of the common schools of his native town, and later, for a time, attended Berea College, near Cleveland, Ohio, then returned to Wooster, where his life has since been spent. In 1864, being yet but a boy, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and proceeded at once to the South, and formed part of Sheridan's army in the Shenandoah Valley. The following year he received an honorable discharge, and returned to his home, where he is now





familiarly known by the title of Colonel, from the position of lieutenant-colonel he held in the National Guards.

In 1866 he became identified as book-keeper with the banking house of Bone-witz, Emrich & Co., and at its reor-ganization into the National Bank of Wooster was promoted to the important position of cashier, which incumbency he is still most satisfactorily filling. He is a man of sterling business qualifications, possessing few enemies and many friends. In 1870 he was united in marriage with Miss Addie Jackson, a teacher in the Wooster public school, and the daughter of Cyrus Jackson, of Wayne County. Of this union four children have been born.

In political life Mr. Hard is a staunch Republican, having always the interests of his party at heart, working earnestly for his friends, yet never seeking his own political preferment. He is a member of the Masonic order and the G. A. R.

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**D**AVID LEHMAN, who during his life was one of the most worthy retired farmers of Wayne Township, and one of the oldest citizens of Wayne County, was a son of Henry Lehman, and was born in Berks County, Penn., September 18, 1802. Henry Lehman was married to Margaret Oberlin, by whom he had six children—three sons and three

daughters—David being the second child and eldest son. In 1823 the family left Berks County and settled in Wayne Town-ship, Wayne Co., Ohio, where Henry Lehman paid \$1,200 for 160 acres of land, which he bought of Dennis Driscoll, and later David Lehman purchased from his father previous to the latter's death, thus becoming owner of the tract of land above referred to. David Lehman followed farming all his life.

In 1829 he was married to Susan, daughter of Jacob and Christiana Kint-ner, and eleven children have been born to this union, as follows: Sarah (Mrs. Elias Snyder), born in 1829; Jacob, born in 1831; Christiana (Mrs. Daniel Keifer), born in 1833; Elizabeth (Mrs. Victor Gallagher), born in 1835; David, born in 1837; Henry, born in 1839; Harriet, born in 1842; Daniel, born in 1844; Mary, born in 1846; Simon, born in 1849, and Sophia, born in 1851, and died in 1855. Mr. Lehman had always been a hardworking man, as the result of which, coupled with his good management, he had been enabled to retire from active labor, and was living in the village of Madisonburgh, enjoying the fruits of his former efforts, until death called him to his final rest, August 10, 1889. In all the relations of life he had the esteem and respect of his neighbors and acquaint-ances. In politics he was a Democrat.





*David Lehman, sen.*

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**F**RANK SHILLING, son of John Shilling, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the early pioneers of Canaan Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, was born January 12, 1852. He lived with his father and worked on the farm until he became of age, receiving a fair common-school education. January 16, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary, daughter of William Kiser, and they are the parents of two children, William K. and Nellie L. William Kiser was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., July 18, 1804, and came to Wayne County, Ohio, with his father, John Kiser (a native of Maryland), by wagon, in 1822, locating on a farm near Killbuck, in the eastern part of Congress Township. He worked hard and industriously to help support his parents, and in course of time, by economy and judicious management, he was enabled to purchase the old home place, where he lived for many years and where he died.

One Nicholas Prine entered the land which is now the home of Mr. Shilling, and many years ago offered to sell it to Mr. Kiser for \$110, payable in sums not less than \$10 at a time; but of even this liberal offer Mr. Kiser was then unable to avail himself. Leaving home, however, at the time of the construction of the Pittsburgh Canal, in company with one Michael Totten, he and his friend went to

work at the then considered good wages of \$8-per month; and after several years hard labor he managed to save enough money to buy himself a home. In 1826 he purchased of Mr. Prine, for \$320, the property spoken of above, which was then all in the woods, and he immediately commenced to cut down the timber and clear himself a farm. By hard work, thrift and good management Mr. Kiser amassed a fortune, being at the time of his death, March 16, 1886, owner of 422 acres of fine farm land.

Mr. Shilling, the subject proper of this biographical memoir, is much respected, and is recognized as one of the careful, prudent, industrious and progressive farmers of Wayne County.

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**W**ILLIAM SHIBLEY, Wooster, was born in Germany in 1842, and is a son of Gottlieb Schible, as he spelled his name. The latter, with his wife and children, immigrated to America in 1854, locating first in Cincinnati, Ohio, and going thence, in 1860, to Missouri, where both of the parents died. Their family consisted of ten children, all born in Germany.

The subject of these lines received his early education in his native land, and was about twelve years old when he came



to this country. For four years after his arrival he worked at various employments in Cincinnati, and in 1858 came to Wooster to learn the trade of a jeweler with his brother Lewis. He served until 1861, and on the outbreak of the Rebellion enlisted in the Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, serving his adopted country for over three years, being in service the entire time, except three weeks he was in a hospital near Vicksburg, Miss. He was in all of the engagements in which his regiment participated, but was never wounded. He was all through the siege of Vicksburg, his brigade being the first to make the assault at Chickasaw Bayou. October 31, 1864, he was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, and returned to Wooster, where he worked for his brother until 1876. In April of that year he began business for himself in a watch, clock and jewelry store, which he still carries on.

In October, 1869, Mr. Shibley was united in marriage with Miss Rosa Young, a daughter of Wendell and Rosa (Halm) Young, and a native of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Shibley are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wooster. He belongs to Given Post, No. 133, G. A. R., of Wooster, and both he and his estimable wife are widely and favorably known throughout Wayne County as people of integrity, whose good name has never been tarnished. Starting in life poor, the

success which Mr. Shibley has attained is very flattering to him. It is due to his earnest and industrious character, and to his correct habits, and in a large measure to the help of a wife who has in all things been a helpmate to him.

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LEWIS SNYDER is one of the well-known citizens of Wayne County, within whose borders he has passed more than half a century. He was born in Union County, Penn., May 19, 1824. His father, Jacob Snyder, was also a native of that State, born in Berks County, near Reading; he was by occupation a farmer, and, on reaching manhood, was united in marriage with Susannah Hock, who likewise was born in the Keystone State, and who became the mother of Lewis Snyder. In the fall of 1836 this couple came to Wayne County with their family, for whom they wished to make a home in this then new country. Their settlement was on a farm in Franklin Township, upon which the remainder of their lives was passed. The father was called to his eternal rest August 7, 1860, at the age of sixty-nine years, after a residence here of twenty years, and the mother in 1880, at the age of eighty-seven years. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and both





had in this county, as well as in their old home, acquired the confidence and respect of the people among whom their lot was cast. The father had been, in his younger days, married previous to the union with the mother of our subject, and by that marriage had become the parent of two children. Of his later union there were twelve children, eight of whom—four sons and four daughters—grew to maturity. Jacob Snyder was, in his earlier years, an active member of the Whig party, and voted and worked for the grandfather of our present President, Gen. William H. Harrison.

Lewis Snyder, subject of this biographical sketch, was twelve years old when his parents came to Wayne County, and has ever since been a resident here. He stayed on the home farm, assisting his father in the toil of developing it from the wilderness, until he was twenty-five years of age, at which time he took the first step toward making a home for himself by becoming united in marriage with Miss Sarah Morr, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Philip and Sarah Morr, pioneers of Wayne County. Her father died when she was a little girl, but her mother survived many years, dying on their farm in Franklin Township, at the age of seventy-six years. As pioneers, and as good and useful citizens, who had led honorable and up-

right lives, they were highly respected, and will be long remembered. Philip Morr, grandfather of Mrs. Snyder, was a Revolutionary soldier. Lewis Snyder and his young wife began their married life on a farm which he had purchased in Franklin Township, and there they remained for twenty-six years, working assiduously to clear up and thoroughly develop their land, in which object they succeeded, and thus laid up a competence for their old age. This was not accomplished without much hard work, supplemented by frugal habits, but in their declining years they can now take a rest from their toil, and look back with satisfaction upon a life well spent. In 1876 they retired from active labor and removed to the city of Wooster, where they have since resided, in their pleasant home on Vine Street, surrounded by every material comfort. Four children came to bless their home, three of whom are yet living, comfortably settled in homes of their own. The eldest, Ann Maria, is the wife of Andrew C. Miller, of Franklin Township; Sylvester G. married Miss Jane Reed, of Franklin Township, and also lives in that township, on his father's farm, and Lavinia Elizabeth, with her husband, William Levers, resides in Wooster. The one that died was an unnamed infant.

Our subject takes much interest in pub-





lic affairs, in which he keeps well posted, but always avoided holding office. He has, since its formation, been a supporter of the Republican party. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wooster, which counts them among its active workers. Mr. Snyder is a self-made man, as he had no assistance in making his start in life. The financial success he has achieved is due to the inherent qualities of the man, aided by his faithful wife, who has for forty years been a wise counselor and a capable helpmate. In addition to other property they still own 160 acres in Franklin Township, where they lived so long and where they laid the foundation of their prosperity. They will long be remembered as among the best class of Wayne County's honored pioneers.

**W**ILLIAM BLACKWOOD, retired farmer and stock-dealer, Orrville, Ohio, is a native of Perry County, Penn., and is a son of Joseph and Hester Blackwood, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Lancaster County, Penn. They were married in Perry County, Penn., and lived there until 1817, when they immigrated to the then western State of Ohio, locating first in Miami County, but a few years after buying a farm in

Shelby County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Joseph Blackwood was an industrious man, was well-educated for those times, and for many years was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which all the family were members. He was born March 17, 1779, and died December 23, 1851, aged seventy-two years and nine months. His wife was born in February, 1784, and died September 22, 1865, aged eighty-one years and nine months. They were married June 25, 1805, and were the parents of eight children, of whom William is the eldest; next came Polly Ann, born October 18, 1808, who died in Pennsylvania; John, born May 25, 1810, immigrated to Iowa, and died there; Mary, born October 25, 1813, is the wife of David Dey, and lives in Iowa; Margaret, born February 11, 1816, is the wife of Thomas Skillen, and lives in Shelby County, Ohio; Robert, born May 26, 1819, was killed October 31, 1874, by a runaway team; Eliza Ann, born April 2, 1822, is the wife of Henry Young, and lives in Quincy, Mich.; Sarah Jane, born December 3, 1826, became the wife of John Lawrence, and died in Shelby County, Ohio, September 20, 1854.

William Blackwood was born near Landisburgh, Penn., April 29, 1806, and was eleven years old when his parents came to Ohio. He worked at home until he was twenty-two years old, when he went back



to Pennsylvania, stopping in Cumberland County the first year, and then going to work on the canal, subsequently teaming between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and again on the canal, and at various kinds of work. In the fall of 1831 he returned to Ohio, visiting a few weeks with his future wife's people, who had a short time before emigrated from Cumberland County, Penn. On February 16, 1832, he was married at Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, to Miss Hannah, daughter of David and Elizabeth Gardner. She was born in Cumberland County, Penn., June 5, 1812, and died in Orrville, September 23, 1882. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Elizabeth, born February 3, 1833, wife of Samuel Taggart, Joseph, born August 28, 1835, Mary, born October 8, 1837, all living in Orrville; Sarah, born December 13, 1839, is the wife of James Brown, of Akron, Ohio; John, of whom further mention is made below; William, born October 21, 1844, lives on his father's farm in East Union Township, Wayne County; and David G., born October 30, 1850, is a resident of Orrville. After his marriage Mr. Blackwood worked around for three years, when he leased a farm near the site of the village of Orrville, on which he lived for five years, then going to Sugar Creek Township for two years; thence to Stark County, Ohio, for three years, and then to the farm of 226 acres

which he yet owns in East Union Township. There he lived until 1872, when he removed to his present home in Orrville, which he built. For twelve years while on the farm he followed threshing, also dealing in stock, continuing the latter business several years after his removal to Orrville. He was of too active a temperament to be contented on the farm, and traveled extensively in pursuit of his business, visiting many parts of the country and the principal cities. He is a self-made man, active and industrious, well thought of by his neighbors, and well known among the older residents of the county. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a stalwart Democrat, as are all of his sons.

John Blackwood, the second son of William, was born in Stark County June 5, 1842. He was brought up on the farm in this county, living there until his marriage, which took place May 25, 1865. His wife's maiden name was Eliza Kling, a daughter of David and Matilda Kling, residents of Greene Township, where her father died January 21, 1876, aged sixty-five years and twelve days. Her mother is still living in that township, within a mile of where she was born and reared, and is now (1888) in her seventy-fifth year. Her parents were among the earliest pioneers of that part of the State, as were also the Klings. Mrs. Blackwood





was born April 6, 1844. John Blackwood continued on his father's farm until two years after his marriage, when he removed to Orrville, and carried on the Mansion House Hotel for two years, then engaged in the livery business, which he carried on until 1884, when he sold business, building and stock, and has since been dealing in horses. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood have two sons, named Gny D. (born January 6, 1867) and Eugene Leslie (born June 2, 1870). The former is express messenger on the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, and the latter is a pupil in the high-school at Orrville. While a strong Democrat in political opinion, Mr. Blackwood has never sought political office. He is an active, stirring man, and stands well in the community.

**J**EREMIAH R. NAFTZGER is one of Wayne County's best known citizens, and is proprietor of the Empire Flour and Feed Mill, at Wooster, the first mill ever built in Wayne County, having now been in existence for more than sixty years, and being widely known all over that section of the country. He was born in Congress Township, Wayne County, April 8, 1826, a son of John and Elizabeth (Rider) Naftzger, the for-

mer a native of Lebanon County and the latter of Fayette County, Penn. The father was a miller and also a farmer, and in 1816 he and his wife migrated to Wayne County, where he resumed those occupations. When he first came to Ohio John Naftzger first stopped in Conotton, where he built a mill. He afterward built two mills on Killbuck Creek, which became noted in the early history of the county, and supplied the material for the "staff of life" to thousands of the early pioneers. About the year 1829 the mother of our subject passed away, and the father later was married to Catherine Haag, a native of Germany, who a few years afterward joined the majority, and he chose a third partner, who still survives. His first wife became the mother of eight children, and the second of two. Of his third marriage there was no issue; of the first wife's children two are now living, Jeremiah R. and a daughter, Mrs. Eliza Hower, of Chautauqua, N. Y.; her husband was at one time a merchant of Cleveland, Ohio. The two children of the second wife are also living, one in Dakota and one in Indiana. In August, 1866, the sturdy old pioneer was called home, at the ripe age of eighty-eight years. His life had been one of struggle and hardship, but his steadfast perseverance in the course he had marked out for himself enabled him to overcome all obstacles, and make



his life a success in the broadest sense of the word. He bequeathed to his children not only a good estate, but also the priceless heritage of a good name. He was in his younger days a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks and thereafter fought under its banner. He was one of the original founders of the United Brethren Church in Wayne County, and was for years its principal sustainer and supporter. His mill served as a place of worship for the protracted meetings, and his house was a harbor of refuge for the ministers who visited this then new region. As indicated by the name, the Naftzger family is of German descent, but their ancestors settled in America at an early day, and one of their descendants was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Jeremiah R. Naftzger, the subject proper of this sketch, followed in the footsteps of his father, and also became a miller and farmer, working for his father until he had attained his majority. In 1847 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Henney, a native of Wayne County, and a daughter of Peter Henney, one of Wayne County's pioneers. Her parents were among the first settlers on Muddy Fork, then a part of Wayne County, but afterward transferred to Ashland. When her father had been but a short time in Wayne County, he was out one day look-

ing for his cows, and while unarmed came upon a huge bear, but by vigorous shouting frightened him off, and it has always been an open question which of the two was the more frightened—bruin or the man. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah R. Naftzger came eight children, of whom Mary E., Newell R. and Cyrus L. are deceased; Albert W. is a resident of Wooster, and a miller by trade; Emma is the wife of John Blandford, of Wooster; Frank A., Adella and Alice are still under the parental roof. In 1866 Mr. Naftzger made his home in the city of Wooster, where he has since continuously resided. He bought his mill in Wooster from Mr. Miller, paying him therefor the sum of \$16,000. He had bought from his father sixteen years before that time, in 1850, what was known as the Armstrong Mill, on the Killbuck, and in 1864 he bought the Canaan Mill, and removed it to the site of the Armstrong Mill, which his father had built. In 1867 he built the pleasant residence on Pittsburgh Avenue which he now occupies. It is on a hillside, overlooking his mill and fish-ponds, of which he has two, the work of his own hands. One of these ponds is stocked with carp and the other with black bass. His mill now grinds about 30,000 bushels of wheat annually, and is fully supplied with all the modern inventions in milling, using the roller process. Its product





finds a ready sale, and the business is constantly increasing.

Mr. Naftzger was formerly a Whig in politics, and like his father joined the Republican party on its formation, having ever since remained a member of that party. The family are all respected members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which the father joined nearly twenty years ago. He takes a deep interest in religious matters, and is always foremost in all its good works. He is a member of the orders of the Iron Hall and of the Royal Arcanum. He is widely known and greatly respected, and is classed among the most enterprising public citizens of both town and county, always lending a helping hand to any enterprise for their advancement. In addition to his milling he is also interested in the business of ice-cutting, which gives employment to large numbers of men in winter, when other labor is scarce.

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**S** W. CHRISTY, farmer, Chester Township, is the eldest of the six children of Peter and Margaret (Hardy) Christy, the others being named as follows: Lydia J., Sarah A., David O., Lyman R. and Alexander H. Sarah A. and Alexander H. are deceased. Peter

Christy was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the most successful men of the township. He began life a poor boy, but by industry, perseverance and uprightness became one of the well-to-do citizens of Chester Township, owning at the time of his death 300 acres of valuable land. He died October 21, 1886.

S. W. Christy was born in Chester Township in 1841, and received his education in the public schools of his native township. In his boyhood he began to assist his father in the duties of the farm, and of him learned the practical lessons that have been of benefit to him in his later life. He now owns a fine farm of 200 acres, all of which was formerly owned by his father. Mr. Christy enlisted in the defense of his country in 1862, and was assigned to Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Infantry. He served nine months, when, on account of sickness, he was obliged to leave the field of battle, and returned home, where he again took up the more peaceful pursuit of agriculture. Mr. Christy was married in 1869 to Elizabeth J. Wills, daughter of James Wills, of Wayne County, and they have had a family of five children: Herman (deceased), Homer (deceased), Myrtle, Mary and Laura. In politics Mr. Christy is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.





**JOHN C. WELKER.** Of the representative farmers of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, none stand higher in the respect and confidence of the public than this gentleman. His industry has won him a competency, and his integrity the respect of all with whom he has come in contact. He was born in Birkenfeld, Oldenburg, Germany, December 25, 1823, and is a son of Jacob and Louisa (Ault) Welker. He was reared and educated in his native country, and served six years and five months in the German army under the Grand Duke of Oldenburg. He learned the blacksmith's trade under his father and brother, and came to America in 1851, stopping eight months in Philadelphia, and in February, 1852, he located in Litchfield, Medina Co., Ohio, where he worked as a journeyman five years.

In 1857 he settled in Milton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, and embarked in business for himself as a blacksmith and wagon-maker, and here he was successfully engaged for twenty years. In 1877 he located on the farm he now occupies in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, and has since followed agricultural pursuits. In January, 1856, he married Rebecca, daughter of Christopher and Sally (Hollowville) Lance, of Chatham, Ohio, and by her has had nine children, as follows: Sally (Mrs. William Miller), Lou-

isa, John C., Jr., Franklin A., Julia A., Henry M., Rebecca J. (Mrs. H. C. Gross), Albert F. and Marian C. Mr. Welker is a member of the German Reformed Church; he is a Democrat.

**ROSANNA WARNER**, widow of Joshua Warner, Sr., was born in Chester Township, Wayne County, November 21, 1818. Her father, Nathaniel Edmunds, was a farmer by occupation, and was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Mr. Edmunds married Mary Smith, a native of Ohio, and twelve children were born of this union. The family came to Wayne County about 1812, and settled upon a wild piece of land, having to clear away the brush and build a log house for shelter, and in this house Mrs. Warner was born. Mrs. Edmunds died in 1836, aged upward of forty years, and Mr. Edmunds died in 1854, at the age of sixty.

Rosanna Edmunds was married, April 12, 1842, to Joshua Warner, Sr., son of Nathan Warner, who emigrated from Pennsylvania to Tuscarawas County, and thence to Wayne County in 1811. Nathan Warner was married, in New York State, to Ann Adelia Davis, who became the mother of eleven children. He died in 1844, at the age of eighty years, and in 1850



his widow followed him to the grave, at the age of eighty-eight. They were much troubled by Indians. There were only three houses in Wooster City, and the nearest grist-mill was seventy-five miles away. In 1812 the settlers built a block-house to protect themselves from the depredations of the Indians, and in this the scattered inhabitants at times took shelter. This building is still standing, and forms a part of the residence of the Warner family. Joshua Warner and his wife, after their marriage, came to the farm where Mrs. Warner now resides.

Joshua Warner was born in Northampton County, Penn., July 29, 1798. When but two years of age he removed with his father to Tuscarawas, and thence to Wayne County in 1811. He remained with his father on the farm until his death. His father and boys cut out the State road the length of their land, the Kill-buck bottom being almost impossible to cross, they fording the stream slightly north of the bridge, at Joseph Eichar's. Bears, panthers, wolves, deer and rattlesnakes were in abundance. A portion of Beall's troops encamped at the spring on the old homestead. Captain Blackburn, who was a splendid man, stayed with his men on the premises for two weeks. Another portion of the soldiers encamped about a mile west of this. The Methodists organized a society at his father's house

as early as 1812, and it was the first Methodist organization in Wayne County. Quarterly meetings were also held there by distinguished divines like Adam Poe, Bigelow, Christie, Finley and others. And here Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Warner reared a family of nine children, who are all members of the Methodist Church; and here, also, Mr. Warner died, December 18, 1877, in his eightieth year. The life of Joshua Warner was a sermon of itself, uttered in simplicity and truth. In early life he became a Christian, and fastening onto the truths and promises of the Scriptures, was carried on to final triumph. He lived in an atmosphere of prayer—"the soul's sincere desire." The nine children are as follows: Mary D., now Mrs. Rev. Isaac Beebe, residing near Warsaw, Ind.; John B., a graduate of Fort Wayne College, also resides near Warsaw, Ind.; Phebe is at home, taking care of the mother; Wesley, one of the substantial farmers of Wayne County, residing in Plain Township, was born in this county March 18, 1850 (on the 2d of October, 1873, he was married to Miss Anna E. Yost, daughter of Christian Yost, and a native of Wayne County. Their union has been blessed with five children, namely: Harry S., Glenn Yost, Wesley Clyde, Paul J. and an infant, not named. Mr. Warner is an earnest Prohibitionist, and he, his wife and two chil-





dren are members of the Oak Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Warner is widely known, and is highly esteemed and respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. His home is on a part of the old family homestead, in the edge of Plain Township. The comfortable and substantial improvements on the farm are the result of his own industry and thrift); Eunice is now residing with Lizzie, now Mrs. William J. Woodward, near Warsaw, Ind.; Emma L., who has taught a number of terms of school in this and adjoining counties, with great success, and is now mistress of the Canaan school; Francis A. was born on the old homestead, April 2, 1860, and has farmed the place principally since his father's death (has made great improvement, which shows his good taste and skillful management, and is highly respected by many friends and all who know him. Was married December 25, 1888, to Miss Mary Bahl, daughter of Solomon Bahl, and a native of Wayne County. Mr. Warner has made several prospecting trips to Western Kansas with great success and honor. He donated the pulpit furniture and parsonage lot to the first church built in Rush County, Kas. Now owns and resides on the old homestead); Edgar H., the youngest of the Warner family, was married February 23, 1888, to Miss Joanna France, daughter of John

France, of Wooster, Ohio, and now resides at Rush Center, Kas.

The Warner family is one of the best known and respectable in Wayne County, having by long residence, industry and high character done very much for the advancement of the community. The Warner family has resided in America since 1690. The maternal great-grandfather of the Warner children was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. During the war, on the approach of the British troops, they were in the habit of flying from their homes and hiding until the danger was past. On the 22d of September, 1888, the first family reunion was held at the old homestead, at which forty representatives were present.

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**A**NDREW OBERLIN was born in Lancaster County, Penn., August 28, 1844, and is a son of Abram and Mary (Stewart) Oberlin. His paternal grandfather was Andrew Oberlin, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., who settled in Summit County, Ohio, in 1836, and died there. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Richard Stewart a native of Ireland, and a resident of Lancaster County, Penn., for many years, Abram and Mary (Stewart) Oberlin, parents of Andrew, whose name heads this



memoir, settled in Franklin Township, Summit Co., Ohio, in 1848, where they resided until their deaths.

Their son Andrew was reared and educated in Summit County, Ohio, and has always been a teacher and farmer. He has been a resident of Doylestown, Wayne County, since 1874. In 1867 he married Amanda E., daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Marsh) Kepler, of Coventry Township, Summit Co., Ohio, and by her he has three children, viz.: Lindley B., Aria J. and Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the prominent and enterprising citizens of Doylestown; has served two terms as assessor of Chippewa Township, and was elected by his party to the office of county commissioner in 1888. Politically he is a staunch Democrat.

**L** EVI THOMAS, a well-known citizen of Wooster Township, Wayne County, was born in Washington County, Md., September 24, 1824. His father, Lewis Thomas, was also a native of Maryland, and a farmer. He was married to Sophia Silvers, who was born in Virginia, and whose father was a native of Germany. Lewis Thomas removed to Wayne County at an early day, and set-

tled on the farm now owned by his sons. When he first settled upon the place it was an unbroken wilderness, and he was compelled to go through the usual trials incident to the life of a pioneer. Here the family remained until death claimed the father and mother, the mother dying first, at the age of sixty, and the father at the age of eighty. Mrs. Thomas was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their home was blessed with the birth of ten children—five sons and five daughters—six of whom are now living in Wayne County, two of the brothers, Jacob and Levi, on the old homestead, remaining there with their parents until the deaths of the latter.

Levi Thomas received a common-school education, and in 1850 was married to Miss Mary Hutchinson, a daughter of John Q. and Nancy Hutchinson. Four children have been born to them, as follows: Alice Gertrude, at home; Mary Ellen, now Mrs. Oscar Munn, in Iowa; Margaret Jane, also in Iowa, and Lunette, at home. Mr. Thomas and his brother Jacob have always been earnest Republicans, standing firmly to their principles. They are both men of high standing in the community, possessing the respect and cordial good-will of all who know them. They will be long remembered in Wayne County as valuable citizens, laboring earnestly for the moral and material





advancement of their town and county. Levi Thomas has built for himself one of the finest residences in the county. His wife is well known as a lady of strong personal character, and is universally respected and beloved. The entire family are highly spoken of by all who know them. Jacob Thomas, who was born in 1835, has never married, but, with true brotherly affection, has devoted himself to his family. The brothers are well-to-do, and possess one of the finest farms in Wayne County.

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**J**OHN COCKRELL was born near Harper's Ferry, Va., May 13, 1813. His parents were Robert and Prudence (Tally) Cockrell, who came to Wayne County in 1840, and purchased of Joseph Stratton the farm now owned by their son, John. They were sixteen days coming from Virginia. The father, who was in poor health, died the year after arriving here, and John and his brother conducted the farm, clearing the same and making improvements. The mother lived to be eighty-six years of age. Their family consisted of Hiram, deceased; John; Robert M., deceased, and Caroline, wife of John Bowman, in Canaan Township.

The subject of these lines was reared in Virginia, and after completing his

schooling he engaged in teaching for several months. February 19, 1845, he married Miss Esther Ann, daughter of Cornelius Seely, of Lorain County, and they have had four sons: Robert Cornelius, in Canaan Township, Wayne County; Emory McK., in Topeka, Kas.; John Fletcher, who died January 4, 1881; James Finley, on the homestead, and married to Rosaline, daughter of Thomas Knapp, of New London (they have three children: Frank E., Elsie May and Roy Seely). Mr. Cockrell was engaged in the warehouse business at Burbank for a number of years in partnership with his son. He is a member of the Republican party, and has served as school director, etc. He started in life with limited means, and by hard work and perseverance he has made a success. He now owns a fine farm of 116 acres of land. He and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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**D**ANIEL S. TINSTMAN. Few citizens of Wayne Township, whose association with the interests of the county is of so short a period, stand higher in the estimation of the community than Daniel S. Tinstman. He was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1841, the eldest of three children of





Christian and Catherine (Shupe) Tinstman. His father, who has for years been a prominent farmer, is still a resident of that county, a hale, hearty old gentleman, seventy-two years of age. Daniel was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the common schools. He remained at home until after the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, and when twenty-one years of age enlisted as a private in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, and served his country faithfully two years and eleven months, rising from the ranks to the first lieutenantcy of his company. May 23, 1864, at North Ann River, Va., he was wounded by a minie-ball, his life being saved by a cartridge-box. Returning home in 1865, he for the three following years was engaged in mercantile business. He then for a number of years was employed in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, and subsequently for three years was superintendent of the Rising Sun Coke Works of his father-in-law, Peter Sherrick. He came to Wayne County in 1884, and has since been extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising in Wayne Township.

Mr. Tinstman was married to Miss Barbara Sherrick in 1866, and they have one son, A. Sherrick, now a promising young man twenty years of age. In politics Mr. Tinstman is a Republican;

he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

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ROBERT B. THOMPSON, one of the best known farmers of Wooster Township, was born September 14, 1823. His father, David Thompson, was a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., and in 1816 came to Wayne County, and settled where Wooster City now stands. There he was married to Maria Cook, daughter of John Cook, and a native of Georgetown, Ohio. To this union four children were born, three of whom, Mrs. William Downing, C. W. and Robert B., are now living in Wayne County. On the 26th of May, 1860, Mrs. David Thompson died, at the age of sixty-four years, and on the 14th of March, 1880, her husband followed her to the grave. Mr. Thompson had been a pioneer, and made the improvements upon the farm, redeeming it from its virgin wild state. Both he and his wife were Presbyterians.

Robert B. Thompson spent the first ten years of his life in Wooster, and in 1833 removed to the farm which has since been his home. April 18, 1848, he was married to Elizabeth Rineberger, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Wayne County when young. Her father died in



Harrisburgh, Penn., but her mother still lives in South Wooster. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson: John C., who died at the age of one month, and Maria Elizabeth, now Mrs. John M. Yoder. Mr. Thompson is independent in politics, using his best judgment to select proper men for positions of honor and trust. He is highly respected among a large circle of acquaintances, and has the confidence of all who know him. Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN M. YODER, one of Wooster's rising young farmers, residing on Section 5, Wooster Township, was born in that township April 4, 1849. His father, Stephen Yoder, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a farmer, and came to Wayne County at an early day, and settled in Wooster Township. Here, in January, 1845, he was married to Katherine Miller, daughter of Peter and Barbara (Plank) Miller. Mrs. Yoder died at the age of twenty-five, when her son, John M., was an infant. After his wife's death the senior Mr. Yoder removed to Iowa, where he now resides. John M. went with his father to Iowa, and worked on the farm until 1868, when he returned to Wayne County. In December, 1873, he was united in marriage with Maria Elizabeth, daughter of Robert B. and Elizabeth (Rineberger) Thompson. Since his marriage Mr. Yoder

has resided on the farm which is now his home. To Mr. and Mrs. Yoder seven children have been born, as follows: Jessie M., Robert A., Stephen A., Grace J., John T., Edward E. and Florence M., all at home.

Mr. Yoder is regarded as a rising young man. In the full maturity of his powers, he is destined to add to the success which has so far followed him in life. He is prosperous in worldly affairs, and richer still in the respect and cordial friendship of all who know him. In politics he is a Republican.

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SAMUEL FEIGHTNER, one of the oldest native citizens of Wayne County, was born in Greene Township in 1821, a son of Abraham and Christiana (Coter) Feightner. Abraham Feightner came from Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1819 to Ohio, and entered 160 acres of land in Greene Township, Wayne County. He built a log cabin, and then moved his family to the county. He was a successful business man, and at one time owned 500 acres, located in different counties in Ohio. He died at the age of seventy-three years, his wife living to be eighty-eight years old. Of their family of ten children, but three are now living.





Samuel Feightner has spent his life in his native county, and proudly relates the fact that in his infancy his cradle was a trough cut rudely from a sugar maple tree. His education was obtained at the primitive log school-house, and by studying at home by the old fire-place after the day's work on the farm was done. Farming has been his life work, and his success is due to his energy, frugality and good management. He was married in 1843 to Chrissy Shartzter, daughter of Philip Shartzter, of Pennsylvania, and they have had a family of eight children: Levi, Christiana, Mary, Melinda, Angeline, Marie, Peter and Clara. Melinda and Peter are deceased. Mr. Feightner in his political affiliations is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the German Baptist Church.

**R**OBERT EWING, one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Chester Township, was born in Huntingdon County, Penn., April 5, 1824, son of James and Elizabeth (Cresswell) Ewing, natives of Huntingdon County. Four children were born to them, all yet living, viz.: Robert, William, Elizabeth and Mary. William Ewing, grandfather of our subject, was born and

reared in Huntingdon County, and was twelve years old at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. He married Elizabeth Anderson, and they became the parents of seven children—four sons and three daughters. He followed farming as an occupation, and was known as a hard-working man, of powerful endurance, great strength and excellent health. A sister, Catherine Ewing, was captured by the Indians and held a prisoner for seven years. James Ewing was also a farmer, and in his day was considered a success in the occupation. He cared nothing for politics. He died at the age of seventy-three years, his wife at the age of seventy-seven.

Robert Ewing was educated in the common schools of his township, and, like his ancestors, has always been a farmer. He left his native county in 1853, and came to Chester Township, Wayne County, where he purchased 143 acres of land, which at that time consisted partially of forest, and almost all the improvements have been effected by himself. He was married February 15, 1853, to Caroline Henry, daughter of Abraham Henry, of Huntingdon County, Penn. Their only child, Elizabeth, now resides at home. Mr. Ewing was a trustee of the township in the years 1863 and 1864. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church; politically, a Democrat.





*Robert Ewing*





**S** R. SWITZER, farmer, is one of the hard-working and industrious citizens of Wayne County, and by his good management and frugality has made a success of agricultural pursuits. He was born near Greencastle, Franklin Co., Penn., in 1825, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Balsby) Switzer, natives also of Franklin County, his father born in 1802 and his mother in 1807. His father was by trade a day laborer or "casterator," at which he worked the greater part of his life. He died September 23, 1871, his wife having preceded him to the better life in 1868. They had a family of thirteen children, but four of whom are now living: William W., S. R., Elizabeth and Ellen.

When our subject was five years old his parents moved to Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio, and here he has since lived. He learned the stone-mason's and plasterer's trade when he was twenty-four years old, and worked at it until 1883, since which time he has devoted his entire attention to his farm. He owns ninety acres of good land, well improved, on which he has lived since 1859. Mr. Switzer was married in 1850 to Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Baughman, of Lancaster County, Penn., and they have had a family of eight children: Jacob B., Margaret B., Abraham B., Elizabeth B., Isaac B., Ellen B., Will-

iam B. and Benjamin B. Mr. Switzer and his family are members of the Disciples Church. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party. Mrs. Switzer's father makes his daughter's house his home, and is still enjoying good health, although now ninety years of age.

**Z**ENAS FUNK, son of Hugh and E. K. (Cornell) Funk, was born in Plain Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, in the year 1842. His grandfather, Jacob Funk, was a native of Virginia, and an early settler of Wayne County, moving here in 1813, and locating in Clinton Township. He was married three times, and had a family of twenty children. His first wife was a sister of Mrs. John B. Brown, and to them were born fourteen children, four of whom died in childhood. Three daughters died after reaching womanhood, and one, Tabitha, is the wife of ex-Sheriff J. J. Winbigler, of Ashland County, Ohio. Three sons, Hugh, America and Silas, who were residents of Wayne County, are deceased, and three, Stephen, John and Jacob, are living in Fulton County, Ohio. One son, Bruce, and five daughters, Charlotte, Ann, Rilla, Mary, and one deceased, were born to his last marriage. Of these children, America was married three times, first to





Mary Ann Cowan, then to Fanny Kauffman, and last to Hannah Baumgardner; Silas was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Wells, and his second Matilda Shafer; Stephen married Hannah Jewell; John, Anjanette Loterdale; Jacob, Rachel Wells; Bruce, Hester Shreve; Charlotte is the wife of Mr. Ross; Ann is the wife of Franklin Winbigler; Rilla married A. A. Carr, and Mary married George Sinkerson.

Hugh Funk was born in Virginia in 1802, and came to Wayne County with his parents, where, in 1827, he married E. K., daughter of Isaac Cornell, who came from Pennsylvania to Wayne County in 1813. They first settled in Clinton Township, and in 1834 moved to Plain Township, where Mr. Funk died in 1879, and Mrs. Funk still lives, aged eighty years. They had a family of seven children: Corpus C., in Ashland County, Ohio, married to Mary J. Foltz; Isaac, who was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Infantry, and died while in the army; Mason, who died aged fourteen years; Lois, wife of A. G. Beall, of Mount Ayr, Iowa; Eunice, deceased wife of Lonis Baird, of Porter County, Ind.; Laban, married to Eliza Bear, and is a farmer of Porter County, Ind., and Zenas, whose name heads this sketch.

Zenas Funk was married, in 1868, to

E. C., daughter of William R. Tyler, and they have had five children—Bert A., W. Deloss, Lois B., Isaac (deceased) and Zenas Paul. After his marriage Mr. Funk located on the farm he still owns, where he has been a successful farmer and stock-raiser. During the War of the Rebellion he was a member of Company C, Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, and was wounded at Vicksburg, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. He is identified with the Republican party, and has served his township in various official positions. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

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JAMES A. BRUCE, a well-known citizen of Wayne County, is a native of Scotland, where he was born in February, 1839, and is a son of Alexander and Martha (Russell) Bruce. His father, who was a farmer, and his mother, a daughter of John Russell, were also natives of Scotland, and came with their family to Wayne County in 1841. Here they settled upon a partly improved farm, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The mother died in 1863, aged fifty-five years, and the father in 1868, aged almost sixty-eight. Alexander Bruce was a staunch Republican, and both he and his wife were members of the United



Presbyterian Church of Wooster. Mr. Bruce began life a poor boy, and by his own industry and prudence, with the aid of his faithful wife, acquired a competence, and he also won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him.

James A. Bruce was about three years old when he came with his family to this country. His early life was spent upon the homestead, and he had the educational advantages afforded by the district and schools of Wooster. On the 7th of March, 1872, Mr. Bruce was united in marriage with Miss Maggie, daughter of Robert and Martha Dobbs, and a native of Wayne County. Her ancestors were of Irish origin, but were early settlers in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce have been blessed with five children: Harry, Evangeline, Robert Pollock, Alexander and Christina, all at home. Mr. Bruce has four sisters living: Mina and Margaret, who reside in Wayne County; Christina (Mrs. Wallace), in Plain Township, and Jennie (Mrs. Knox), in Illinois. A brother, Alexander, lived in Holmes County, where he died, and where his widow and children now live.

Mr. Bruce is an earnest Republican, and he and his wife are active members of the United Presbyterian Church. His family is widely known and highly esteemed. Mr. Bruce's life, since coming to manhood, has been devoted to the up-

building of Wayne County and its interests. He has been prosperous in business, thanks to his industry, intelligence and foresight, and is a leader among men in his community, where he is highly respected and warmly beloved for his many many qualities.

JACOB J. HAMMER was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 15, 1829, and is a son of John A. and Christiana (Gardhefner) Hammer, who immigrated to America in 1840, and settled in Lawrence Township, Stark Co., Ohio, where they followed farming and lived and died. They reared a family of eight children, viz.: Mary M. (Mrs. Allen Shunk), Dominick, Jacob J., Catherine (Mrs. John Weaver), Simon, Andrew, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Warner), and John A., all of whom are now living.

Jacob J. was educated in the schools of Germany and Ohio, and served an apprenticeship of three years at the wagon-maker's trade in Stark County, Ohio. In 1851 he came to Doylestown, Wayne County, where he worked as a journeyman one year, and in 1852 he started a shop at Easton, same county, which he successfully conducted until 1857, when he removed to Milton Township, where he was engaged in farming ten years. In





1867 he located on the farm he now occupies in Chippewa Township, where he has since resided. About fifty acres of his farm are underlaid with a valuable coal deposit, which was developed by the Silver Creek Mining & Railroad Company, and is now being operated by H. E. Loomis. In 1854 Mr. Hammer married Miss M. E., daughter of Benjamin and M. E. (Whitman) Kindig, of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, and by her had twelve children, as follows: John M., Charles B. (deceased), Mary L., Christina I. (Mrs. Peter Schwalbach), Andrew B., Clement L. V., Rebecca E., Catherine L., Emma M., Augusta C., Josephine M. and Grace. Mr. Hammer and family are members of the Catholic Church. He served two terms as trustee of Milton Township during his residence there, also two terms in Chippewa Township. Politically, he is an out and out Democrat. He is one of the leading farmers of Chippewa Township, and is deservedly popular in the community.

**A**NDREW MOORE, JR., is a son of John and Hannah (Boyard) Moore, natives of Beaver County, Penn., who came to Wayne County in 1812, and entered a tract of 160 acres of land, which is now owned by his sons.

They did not settle on this tract permanently, however, until 1814. Andrew Moore, brother of John, also came to Wayne County in 1814, and entered an adjoining tract of 160 acres of land. He married Nancy Caldwell, and they died leaving no issue. He was in the War of 1812. At his death he left \$1,000 to Wooster University, and divided his land between Andrew Moore, Jr., and his brother Robert. The parents of our subject were married January 25, 1814. His mother was a member of the first log Presbyterian Church of Beaver County, and after moving to this county they both took an active part in the Presbyterian Church of East Union Township. John Moore died October 15, 1863, and Hannah, April 25, 1860. They reared a family of six children, as follows: Jane, married to Abijah Carry, and died January 29, 1851; Margaret, now Mrs. James Cook, in Salt Creek Township, Wayne County; Andrew, Jr.; Robert, in East Union Township, Wayne County; Mary Ann, married to William Hackett, and died May 2, 1852; Susanna, married to Enos Johnson, and died March 6, 1864.

Andrew Moore, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was born on the homestead he now occupies, in East Union Township, Wayne County, February 6, 1819. His education was gained in the log school-house of that period, he having to walk



three miles to reach the same. He has always remained on the homestead. May 11, 1843, he married Miss Deziah, daughter of John Rogers, of Salt Creek Township, Wayne County. She died January 25, 1881. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore: Elizabeth, born July 19, 1844, is the wife of Ebenezer Thomas, of Apple Creek, Wayne County, and their children are Edwin, Hettie, Andrew and Mary; John R., born March 15, 1846, lives on a part of Andrew Moore's homestead, in East Union Township, and is married to Emma Armstrong, by whom he has four children: Nora, Delano, William and Isie; Amos, born September 17, 1847, married Elizabeth Dill, of Apple Creek, Wayne County (they live in Holmes County, and have two children, John and Guy); Hannah Maria, born December 3, 1849, married R. G. Merriman, lives at home with our subject, and has one child, Clarence; Mary Jane, born October 17, 1851, married John Smith, of Wooster, and has three children, Andrew, Maggie and Nellie; Sarah Isiphine, born August 23, 1853, married Prof. J. B. Eberly, of Smithville, Ohio (she died August 4, 1878, leaving two children, Isie Moore with her father, and John, who is being reared by Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Merriman); Margaret D., born May 27, 1856, died in infancy; Matilda Alice, born July 12, 1859, married

Dr. Charles Baldwin, and lives in Washington Territory (they have no children); Lola Anne, born July 20, 1868 (married Harry Smith, and lives in East Union Township, Wayne County).

Andrew Moore, Jr., is a member of the Democratic party, and has served as infirmity director for six years; also held offices of trustee, assessor, school director and supervisor of the township. He is a ruling elder in the Apple Creek Presbyterian Church.

JACOB HOFFMAN, an old resident and well-known citizen of Wayne County, Ohio, was born in Manor Township, Lancaster Co., Penn., January 16, 1792. He was a farmer by occupation, living in his native county until 1850. He was very fond of fishing in his early life, and many of the finny tribe have become victims of his net at Safe Harbor, on the Susquehanna River. In 1850 he removed with his family to Wayne County, Ohio, and bought 200 acres of land in East Union Township, which he cleared and improved, and made one of the best farms in the township.

Mr. Hoffman was married, December 16, 1816, to Miss Magdalena Thomas, a native of the same township, born December 13, 1791. After a happy married life





of over half a century this tie was severed by the death of Mrs. Hoffman, which occurred March 26, 1875, she dying of apoplexy, at the age of eighty-three years, three months and thirteen days. Mr. Hoffman survived her nine years, and died also of apoplexy, August 8, 1884, aged ninety-two years, six months and twenty-two days. Mr. Hoffman was a member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ over forty-five years. When seventeen years old Mrs. Hoffman joined the Evangelical Church, but after her removal to Ohio, in 1850, there being no church of her choice here, she joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ with her husband. Father and mother Hoffman were quiet, unassuming Christians, and were faithful adherents to their religious principles. They had a family of twelve children—eight sons and four daughters—as follows: John, Jacob T., Henry, Martha, Philip, Frederick, Margaret, Daniel T., Benjamin, Tobias, Anna, Elizabeth. Of these, John is a resident of Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Penn., where he is the owner of a nice town property (he is married to Anna Flory, and they have one daughter); Jacob T. died December 14, 1873, was a resident of Wayne Township, and was the owner of fifty-two acres of land (he was married to Lydia Baker, and they had two sons and five daughters, all but

one daughter now living); Henry, of Milton Township, died March 29, 1875, the owner of a nice town property (he was married to Elizabeth Hoover, and they had two sons and two daughters, of whom one son and one daughter are living); Martha, widow of Emanuel Geyer, owns a good farm of eighty acres in Wayne Township (Mr. Geyer died September 12, 1865; they had a family of three sons and one daughter; one son is deceased); Philip died August 22, 1822; Frederick and Margaret, both unmarried, own a good farm of sixty-eight acres in Wayne Township, which is well improved, and is one of the pleasantest homes in the township (they have taken a little girl, Cora Hoffman Berger, and intend to give her a good home and an education, and fit her for the duties of life); Daniel T. is a resident of Wayne Township, and owns a nice farm of 100 acres; Benjamin is the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres in Elkhart County, Ind. (he married Margaret Coble, and they have four sons and one daughter); Tobias died April 1, 1828; Anna is the wife of Henry H. Forrer, of Sugar Creek Township, where they have a fine farm of 100 acres (they have three sons); Elizabeth, who died June 11, 1872, was the wife of Jonathan Weaver, of Wooster Township, and they had a family of seven daughters, three of whom are living.





Thus it will be seen that Wayne County has several representatives of the Hoffman family, all of whom are prosperous, substantial citizens, and the most of them are members of the church, and all are honored members of society.

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**H**ARRIET REICHARD, widow of Daniel Reichard, was born within fifteen miles of Gettysburg, Adams County, Penn., May 22, 1805, and is a daughter of Isaac Sadler, a native of Pennsylvania. She was married February 20, 1827, to Daniel Reichard, a native of Franklin County, Penn., born of German descent. He came to Wayne County, Ohio, in May, 1832, and resided one year in the city of Wooster, coming in the following year to Congress Township, and settling near Congress Village when land here was selling at \$5 an acre. To Mr. and Mrs. Reichard were born seven children, five of whom grew to manhood, four now living, as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Bowman, now residing in Michigan; Louisa, wife of Thomas Barnard, residing in the central part of Congress Township, Wayne County; William, married, and living in Congress Township, and Daniel S., a barber in West Salem, Ohio.

The father died March 25, 1855, aged

fifty years, one month and twenty-two days. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the mother is now making her home with her son, Daniel S., hale and hearty, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, in the enjoyment of good health, and bidding fair to live many years. She has been a zealous member for over sixty years of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Samuel Yost is now owner of the old Reichard homestead, near Killbuck. Daniel S. Reichard was married October 14, 1869, to Miss Mary Hershey, daughter of Abram Hershey, and born March 23, 1850, in Congress Township, Wayne Co., Ohio. Her father came from near Pittsburgh, Penn., and was among the early pioneers of Wayne County, entering land one mile northeast of the village of Congress. To Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Reichard was born, January 20, 1874, one child, Nevada. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are closely identified with the social and educational interests of their township.

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**A**BRAM HERSHEY was born near Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., Penn., April 10, 1817, and died in Congress Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, April 26, 1889. He remained in his na-



tive State until manhood, and in March, 1843, came to Ohio, and located in Congress Township, Wayne County, where he entered land about a mile northeast of the village. He was married in May, 1844, to Rebecca Newcomer, of Congress Township, and settled on his farm, which he made his home the rest of his life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hershey were born ten children, nine of whom lived till maturity, and eight are still living. Their eldest son Jacob, died about seventeen years ago, and had been married about two years at the time of his death. Four sons and four daughters are now living, viz.: Harrison, William, Franklin, Charley, Elizabeth, Mary, Armanda and Maria. All are married except Charley, who lives with his mother on a part of the old homestead. Their present farm consists of sixty-five acres, the rest having been sold to Newton Stanley. All the children are residents of Congress Township except Armanda, who lives in Mansfield, Ohio.

**W**ILLIAM MILLER, farmer, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, April 5, 1827, a son of Abraham Miller. When he was two years of age, his parents moved to Wayne County, and settled in Chester Township, where he was reared and educated. In

his youth he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked seven years, and then learned the cooper's trade. He has also given his attention to agriculture, and now owns one of the best farms in Plain Township, on which he has lived since 1870. He has never sought official honors, preferring the quiet of home life, but gives his suffrage to the Democratic party.

He was married in 1852 to Elizabeth, daughter of George Snyder. She died, leaving one son, Stephen Albert. Mr. Miller subsequently married Margaret Rice, and to them were born six children, five of whom are living; Sarah Elizabeth, A. O., Susan M., Mary J. and William R., all of whom are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Lutheran Church.

**T**HOMAS ROTH, one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers of Wooster Township, was born in Northampton County, Penn., March 18, 1819, and is the son of George A. and Mary (Ritter) Roth. His father was also a native of Northampton County, and was a farmer, and also operated a grist, saw and clover-seed mill. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. Eight children were born to this couple, six of whom are now living,





five of them in Wayne County. George A. Roth died in 1862, aged nearly seventy years. He was a Whig when that party was in existence, and later a Republican. He received a good education, and could use both English and German with equal facility. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, as is his widow, who is now (1889) living in Wooster, at the age of eighty-eight years, and is wonderfully well preserved, both mentally and physically, for a woman of her years.

Thomas Roth worked on the farm during his early life, and upon reaching manhood was married to Susan Laubach, a lady of German descent, and a daughter of Rudolph Laubach. In 1864 Mr. Roth came to Wayne County, and settled upon the place where he now lives. When he purchased it the farm was partially improved, but under Mr. Roth's management it has been made one of the best in the township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roth, as follows: George W., residing at home; James L., who died in infancy, and Selinda M. A. (widow of James Schmuck), who is also residing at home with her two daughters, Cora and Edna. Mr. Roth is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the Zion Evangelical English Lutheran Church of Wooster. He is well known in Wayne County, for the advancement of whose interests he has done

much, laboring earnestly for the moral and material welfare of the community, for which he will long be held in grateful remembrance. His son, George W. Roth, remains upon the home farm, is a Republican in politics, and is highly esteemed as a young man of excellent character and abilities.

JOHN MOWRER is a son of Henry and Catharine (Dampman) Mowrer, natives of Chester County, Penn., where he was also born, September 26, 1812. In 1832 the family came to Wayne County, and first located on a rented farm in Baughman Township; then, after living there one year, they purchased a farm in East Union Township, where they lived until shortly before their deaths, then bought a house and lot near their son, John. Henry Mowrer sent a substitute to the War of 1812. He died in 1865, and had been an elder in the Lutheran Church for many years. His widow followed him to the grave in the following year, 1866. Their family were John, our subject; Mary Ann, Mrs. Armstrong Irving, of Williams County, Ohio; Catharine, wife of Simon Chaffin; Mrs. Daniel Bair, of East Union Township, Wayne County; Matilda, wife of Andrew Milbourn, of East Union Township; Han-



nah and Daniel, both deceased; Henry, in Indiana; Peter, in East Union Township, Wayne County.

The subject of this memoir came to Wayne County with his parents, as above stated, and remained with them until 1836, when he located on his present farm in East Union Township. December 24, 1835, he married Savilla, daughter of Jacob Steele, of East Union Township. Eleven children were born to them. Those deceased are one in infancy, and Levi, who was a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died of fever in 1862; the living are Harriet, who married John Bechtel, of Greene Township, Wayne County, and has five children, Malvin, Savilla, Elizabeth, Oron J. and Willard; Mary, wife of Isaac Richwine, of East Union Township, has three children, Irvin, Sarah and Mary; Elizabeth, wife of Eli Gardner, of Orrville, Ohio, has four children, Lee, Charles, Ada and Willard; Sarah, wife of William Stein, of East Union Township, Wayne County; Emily, wife of William Huntsbarger, also of East Union Township; Savilla, wife of Frank Harbaugh, of Orrville, Ohio, has four children, Earnest, Emily, Otto and Ethel; Isaac, in Fort Wayne, Ind., married Elizabeth Lightfoot, of East Union Township, Wayne County, and has two children, John and Mary;

Henry, in Nebraska, married to Miss Evert, and has four children, Willard, Savilla, Lizzie and John; Presley, in Apple Creek, Ohio, married Catharine, daughter of Craig McCarthy, and has five children, Homer, Howard, John, Rowland and Jemimah. Mr. Mowrer is a Democrat, and has been school director, supervisor, etc., of his township. He has been an elder in the Evangelical Lutheran Church for many years.

**W**ILLIAM D. RATH, farmer. This prominent and intelligent citizen of Wayne Township was born in York County, Penn., in 1805, of German parentage. His father, William Rath, was a soldier in the French and Holland War, and was captured by the French, and had not a treaty been effected, would have been forced to engage in the war against England. He escaped from his captors, and, having only one day in which to reach a place of safety, was obliged to leave everything behind him. He was married in 1796 to Mary Agnes Smith, and together they left their native land for America, the home of the free. They were sold to the captain of the vessel to pay their passage, and on landing he was engaged to work two years for a Mr. Findlay, for the ransom money. He





served faithfully, and at the expiration of the time he and his wife went to Lancaster County, Penn., and there obtained employment by the day. From Lancaster City they moved to Little York, and from there to Baltimore, Md., where they lived twelve years. They then returned to Pennsylvania, and located near Hanover, York County, where the father died, aged ninety years.

William D. Rath is the fourth of a family of eight children. When a young boy he was sent among strangers to work on a farm. As soon as he was old enough he began to learn the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed in Pennsylvania for twelve years. He then came to Ohio, and settled in Seneca County, coming thence to Wooster, where he worked at his trade ten years. He then moved to Mansfield, Ohio, but four years later returned to Wooster. In 1848 he bought the farm where he now lives of Samuel Summers, which contains nearly a quarter section of land. He has made many valuable improvements, and now has one of the best farms in the township. He has always been a hard-working man, and is remarkably well preserved for one of his years. He has never been an aspirant for official honors, but has held several offices of trust in his township. In politics he is a supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He was mar-

ried in 1830, to Sibby Allison, daughter of Francis Allison. She died, and he afterward married Lusetta Emrick, daughter of Joseph Emrick. To them were born seven children, six of whom are living, viz.: Sibby Maria, now Mrs. Kaufman; Joseph; Emma C., now Mrs. Swartz; Mary Agnes, now Mrs. Schramm; Cordelia, now Mrs. Casky; Lincoln, now in California. Mr. Rath is a member of the United Brethren Church.

**J**ACOB HUNTSBERGER, farmer, postoffice address Benton City, Ohio, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, November 7, 1845. His parents, Samuel and Mand (Westheffer) Huntsberger, were both natives of Cumberland County, Penn., where they were married, and came to Wayne County, Ohio, probably about fifty-eight years ago. They bought a farm on Section 32, in Baughman Township, now occupied by their son, Abram Huntsberger. Here Samuel Huntsberger spent the rest of his life, dying August 30, 1873, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a farmer all his lifetime, never engaging in any other occupation. Mr. Huntsberger was a man of upright and honorable character, strictly honest in all his dealings. Shortly before his death he united with the Mennonite Church, dying





in that faith. He is buried in the graveyard attached to that church in Baughman Township. His widow still lives on the homestead farm, where they first settled in this county. They were the parents of eleven children, six of whom died young, and the following five are now living: Elizabeth, wife of Jacob E. Winger, in Baughman Township; Mattie, unmarried, in Orrville; Fannie, wife of Amos Eshelman, also in Orrville; Jacob, and Abraham, on the old homestead.

Jacob was reared on the farm, living with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age, when he afterward spent a year in Orrville, and a year with his brother-in-law, Winger. December 22, 1870, Mr. Huntsberger was married to Sarah Jane, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Galloway) Ervin, of Baughman Township. She was born on the place where she now lives, which her husband bought after the death of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin were old residents of Wayne County, coming here at an early day, and both died on the farm now owned by Mr. Huntsberger. They came from Washington County, Penn., and settled on the place where they passed the balance of their days. Nathaniel Ervin died in 1868, and his wife a few years before that date. Mrs. Huntsberger was born September 22, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Huntsberger are the parents of four

children, viz.: Amy, born January 17, 1872; Samuel J., born March 7, 1875; Mary E., born May 5, 1877, and Charles Jerkins, born February 3, 1880, all still under the parental roof. Mr. Huntsberger does not aspire to hold office, but has served his township as trustee for three terms. In politics he is a Republican. He and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church at Orrville, of which he is an elder. Those who know Mr. Huntsberger will speak of him in high terms of praise as a man of upright character and principles.

JACOB B. SHERRICK, one of the enterprising farmers of Wooster Township, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., in 1813. His father, Joseph Sherrick, was also a native of Pennsylvania, born in Lancaster County, of Swiss descent, his ancestors coming to America in 1740, and settling in the Keystone State. Joseph Sherrick married Barbara Beidler, and to them were born eight children, but two of whom, Jacob B. and Peter, reside in Wayne County, Ohio. The mother died March 4, 1856, aged sixty-six years, and the father in September, 1864, aged nearly seventy-seven years. Both were of the Mennonite faith.

Jacob B. Sherrick was reared on his



father's farm, receiving but limited educational advantages. He was married in 1839 to Miss Sally Shupe, daughter of John and Catherine Shupe. After their marriage and until the spring of 1882 they remained in Pennsylvania, their home being in the coke regions. Not liking the society there, they moved to Wooster, Ohio, where, a few months later, in August, 1882, the devoted mother died, aged sixty-seven years, leaving a husband and four children to mourn her loss. Of the children, Kate, the only daughter, is at home, and now the housekeeper for her father; Isaac is in Pennsylvania; Joseph lives on the home farm, and John is a farmer of Wooster Township. The homestead of Mr. Sherrick was formerly the property of Alexander McBride. Politically Mr. Sherrick was in early life a Whig, but since its organization has affiliated with the Republican party. He and his family are members of the United Brethren Church. His son, Isaac, was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, enlisting in a Pennsylvania regiment in August, 1863, and returned home at the close of the war, serving faithfully for three years.

Joseph S., the second son, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., November 11, 1845, and was married in 1887 to Samantha Myers. They have five children: Jacob, Annie, Cora, Emma

and Joseph. He now has charge of the home farm, thus relieving his father in a great measure of its responsibilities.

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MRS. HARRIET WINEBRENNER, for over half a century a resident of Wayne County, was born in Pennsylvania, February 15, 1823. Her father, Melchoir Rahn, was a native of the same State, and of German extraction. He was married to Sarah Kapp, a native of Harrisburgh, Penn., and some fifty-nine years ago they came to Wayne County, both dying in this county—the father at the age of sixty-seven, and the mother one week later, at the age of sixty-one. Twelve children were born to this worthy couple, of whom six now survive, one in California, two in Iowa and three in Wayne County. Mr. Rahn was a soldier in the War of 1812. Both he and his wife were members of the Reformed Church.

Harriet Rahn came to Wayne County with her parents when she was about seven years old. In 1845 she was married to Calvin G. Winebrenner, a native of Maryland, and of German descent. He was a farmer, and after his marriage spent the remainder of his life in Wooster Township. Mr. Winebrenner died in June, 1887, aged sixty-three years. He





was a staunch Republican, and both he and his wife were highly esteemed members of the Baptist Church, and she still retains her connection with that body. Three sons came to bless this family: Lewis, living in Wooster Township; Melchoir, in Butte City, Mont., and Edward, in Carroll, Mont. Annie Rahn, a niece of Mrs. Winebrenner, has made her home with her aunt since she was fourteen months of age. The Winebrenner family is one of the most respected in Wayne County. Its members have grown up with the county, are closely identified with its progress and prosperity, and they are widely known all through this section. John Winebrenner, an uncle of the late Calvin G. Winebrenner, was the founder of the Winebrenner faith.

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**A**NDERSON ADAIR is of Irish descent. His father, Patrick Adair, was a native of County Down, Ireland, but becoming involved in the home rule insurrection headed by the lamented Emmett, he found it necessary to leave his native land about the beginning of the present century. On coming to America he settled in Western Pennsylvania, where he soon after married Mary Stuart, by whom he had five children, only one of whom, Mrs. Mary

Wilson, of Burlington, Iowa, is living. His first wife died about 1815. Several years later he married Ann Anderson, and to them were born five children, all still living: Jane E., Eliza (Mrs. J. T. Wisner), James M., Thomas A. and Anderson.

In 1825 Mr. Adair removed to Wayne County, and settled on the farm where his son still resides. His second wife died shortly after this removal, aged thirty-nine years. Several years later he married Ann McCracken, who died in 1843, leaving no children. In early life Mr. Adair enjoyed no educational advantages; but, being a diligent reader, he acquired a great fund of useful knowledge. In business he was not successful, having been possessed of those qualities of mind and heart which make men interesting and honored, rather than those which conduce to prosperity in worldly affairs. Coming to this country about the time of the alien and sedition agitation, he naturally accepted the political principles advocated by Thomas Jefferson, and continued during the remainder of a long life a steadfast adherent of the Democratic party. He served in the War of 1812 in the capacity of surgeon's mate. He was a life-long Presbyterian. He died in 1866, at the advanced age of eighty-nine.

The subject of this sketch was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., shortly before the family removed to Ohio. As a



boy he attended the district school. As a young man he performed the ordinary duties of a farmer's life till the age of twenty-five, when for one year he attended the academy at Wooster, and for several years following he was engaged in the work of teaching. At the age of twenty-seven he married Henrietta McClure. To them were born five children, only two of whom are living: Edward E., a teacher, and John S., an attorney. Mrs. Adair died in 1861. Shortly after the death of his first wife he married Miss Emeline Yocum, a young lady of culture and refinement, a daughter of Rev. Elmer Yocum, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was educated at Baldwin University, and afterward taught at West Salem, Newburgh and Wooster. The result of this marriage was two children: Robert and Jennie L. Anderson Adair has held various offices of honor and trust. He was for some years county commissioner of Wayne County. He has always been active and prominent in all movements that have for their end the advancement of popular education. He was one of the organizers of the Board of Education of Wooster Township under the present school law, and has been for the greater part of thirty-five years a member of it. He is now one of the oldest settlers, having lived for more than sixty-four years on the farm where his father

settled. He is a pleasant gentleman, and a good neighbor, having a warm place in the esteem and friendship of all his acquaintances. He is not a finished scholar, but a man of considerable mental power, and possessed of a good fund of general information.

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GEORGE OTT, a representative and successful farmer and stockbreeder of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, was born in Marshallville, Wayne Co., Ohio, March 10, 1845, and is a son of John and Margaret (Rech) Ott, natives of Germany (the former of Hesse-Darmstadt), and who were among the early settlers of Marshallville, Wayne County. There Mr. Ott, in company with his brother George, kept a general store for several years, and did a large business for those times. In 1853 Mr. Ott and family removed to Detroit, Mich., where his wife died of cholera in 1854, at the age of thirty-three years. After his wife's death Mr. Ott engaged in business in the principal cities of the West until 1865, in which year he located in Lima, Ohio, where he died in 1866. He had four children: George, John (deceased), Mary (Mrs. Joseph Nerecher, of Cleveland, Ohio) and Anna (deceased).





George Ott, the subject of this memoir, was reared in Wayne County, Ohio, where he received a common-school education. After the death of his mother, from July, 1855, till November, 1863, he lived with his uncle, Joseph Marshall, at Burbank, Wayne County, working on the farm. From 1863 to 1865 his time was spent in the States of Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota, and he returned to Wayne County in the fall of 1865. May 7, 1867, he married Rosa L., daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Marshall) Whitman, of Chippewa Township, Wayne County, and by her he has seven children, viz.: Charles A., Edward L., Clara M., George A., Willis J., Joseph E. and Albert H. Since 1867 Mr. Ott has resided on the farm he now occupies in Chippewa Township, containing about 100 acres, one mile southwest of Doylestown, on which he has made all the improvements in buildings, etc., erecting his residence in 1869, and a large bank barn in 1875. Since 1884 Mr. Ott has been a breeder of thoroughbred Holstein-Friesian cattle, and has dealt in registered stock since 1886. At the head of his herd is "Tejor," No. 2,330, H. F. H. B., and No. 578, N. H. B. (imported June 2, 1885, by T. F. Koch, of Chicago), now five years old, and weighing 2,500 pounds. Mr. Ott is a progressive farmer, and has his farm equipped with all the modern farming im-

plements. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church. He is president of St. Bernard's branch of the C. M. B. at Doylestown; is serving his third term as township trustee. Politically, Mr. Ott is a Democrat.

JOHN W. BUCHANAN, M. D., is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born in Chester Township, September 27, 1860. His ancestors on his father's side, were of Scotch-Irish descent, and the grandparents came to Wayne County from Pennsylvania, locating first in Wayne Township, moving thence to Chester Township, where both died.

George Ramsey Buchanan, the father of John W., was born in Wayne Township, in 1823, and is now living in Chester, on a farm adjoining the one where his parents died. He was brought up to farming, teaching school winters until the breaking out of the California gold fever, when he sailed for the New Eldorado, leaving February 4, 1850, going by way of New York and the Isthmus of Panama. He stayed in the Golden State about three years, and then returned, bringing with him several thousand dollars as the reward of his labors. On his arrival in Ohio he engaged in mercantile business at Jeromeville, Ashland







*G. W. Buchanan*



County, which, however, he carried on but a short time, returning to his native county, where he took charge of the home farm for his parents; he has ever since lived there, and now owns the home farm, to which he has added by purchase. He is a man of strict Christian principles, a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has long been an elder, and has always been a liberal supporter of "Chester Church." Throughout the county he is known as a thoroughly honest and upright man. He has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Dunham, who died in Jeromeville, leaving no issue, her only child having died at birth. His second wife was Miss Lydia Firestone, daughter of David and Elizabeth Firestone, natives of Pennsylvania, and residents of Chester Township, where both died. Their daughter was born in Wayne County, in 1834. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, a sincere Christian, and noted especially for her generosity and hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are the parents of seven children, of whom three—Franklin, Sidney and Ira—are deceased; those living are John W.; Cynthia Alice, wife of Harvey L. Piper, of Chester Township; Mary E. and Edward F., living with their parents.

John W. Buchanan was reared on the farm until he was sixteen years of age,

attending district school in winters. He then went to Wooster University, where he spent two and a half years, after leaving which he attended Cleveland Medical College, Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, and the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, graduating from the latter institution June 2, 1882. Following month he began practice at Lodi, Ohio, remaining six months; then removed to Mansfield, Ohio, staying there until October 14, 1884, and then came to Smithville, Wayne County, where he has since been engaged in practice. October 14, 1882, Dr. Buchanan was married to Lizzie I., only child of Henry N. and Susan A. Stamen, former of whom has been dead many years; the latter lives with her daughter at Smithville. Mr. Stamen had for a considerable time been a teacher, but in his later years was engaged in milling. Mrs. Buchanan was born in Mansfield, Ohio, November 18, 1865. She is the mother of two children: Clarence S., born February 28, 1884, and John A., born April 11, 1887. Since locating in Smithville Dr. Buchanan has acquired considerable repute in his profession, and is rapidly building up a lucrative practice. He is justly regarded as a rising man, and has the confidence of his patients, and the esteem of his neighbors and fellow-citizens for his correct life and honorable character.

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